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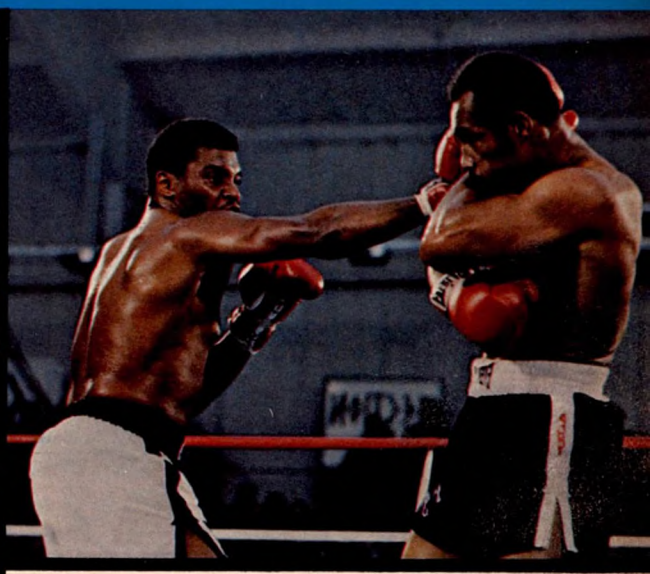

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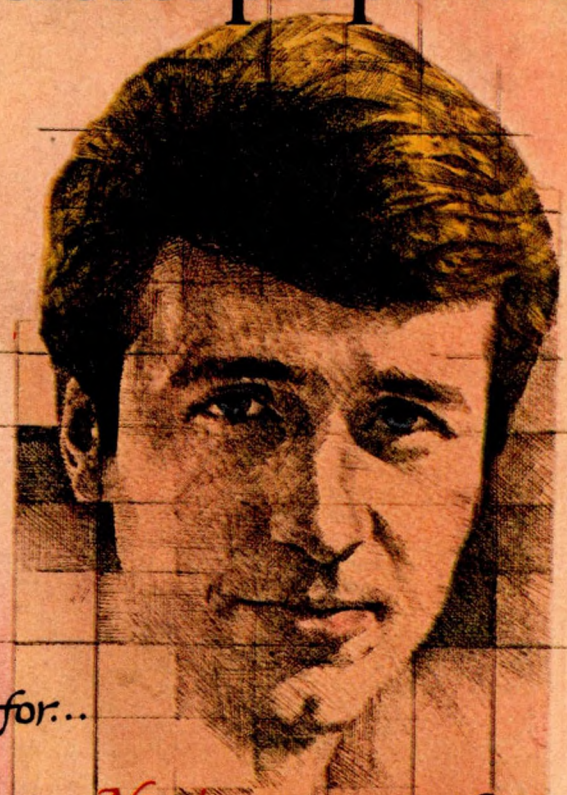

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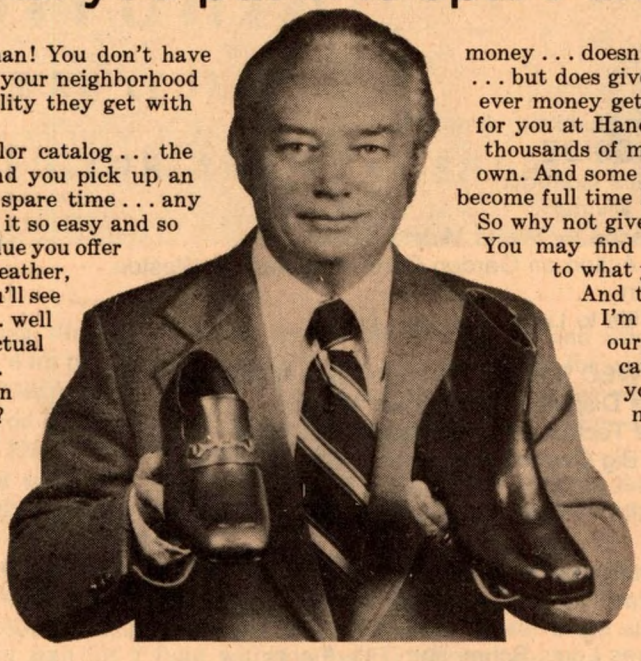

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

THE current heavyweight situation revolving around Muhammad Ali and whom he will or will not fight and his relationship with the World Boxing Council gives one cause for concern. The WBC stated in the press that it would strip Ali of his title if he did not agree to fight the winner of the Norton and Young fight within a period of two months. The fight itself could be at a later date but Ali would have to commit himself by the end of that two month period.

Ali, who had stated for some time that he was looking forward to meeting the winner of the Norton and Young fight, suddenly recanted and stated that he would fight whomever he damned pleased and certainly had no desire to fight Norton again.

The soup was on and the fire was lit. Fur began to fly and the press and sporting world had a field day. Ali was at it again, stirring up the stew and it was all mulligan.

The WBC knew full well that it would never get the sporting world to go along with stripping Ali just because he would not sign for a fight within a two month period. As a matter of fact the World Boxing Association has already gone on record that as long as Ali fights a man in the top ten ratings they will stand by him. So would The Ring or any other intelligent boxing body.

First of all a heavyweight champion has always been a special case and considered as such. In the days gone by if a champ fought once or twice a year in defense of his title he was considered well within his rights. Now we are beginning to tell the heavyweight champion whom he will fight and when. That may be fair if a heavyweight champ were ducking one or more of the logical and dangerous opponents, but in Ali's case he has been fighting them all and is certainly entitled to meet a few men who can be considered as breathers in between the hard ones.

As we go to press Ali intends to meet the winner of the fight between Leon Spinks and Alfio Righetti with Ali to meet the winner. From sources close to the WBC the scuttlebutt is that the WBC will glide by its "get tough" policy on the "two month" issue as long as Ali does fight Norton in the long run.

It is my understanding that Ali will fight Norton if and when he disposes of the winner of the Spinks and Righetti embroglio.

All of which comes down to the old Shakespeare phrase: much ado about nothing.

We have come to expect Ali to produce good copy on any kind of rumor and it has been good for boxing over the long run, but that the WBC could be naive enough to get sucked into such a blind alley is almost unbelievable.

If the WBC edict had validity and stood up there would be another title that would be vacant and every promoter would attempt to make a champion. Don King, who put on the Young and Norton fight, attempted to get the winner recognized as the heavyweight king pin when Ali refused to be buffaloed by the WBC. It would have been a sad day if the idea had stood up. It would have been another example of how, in their effort to destroy each other, the WBA and the WBC are really hurting boxing.

It must be said that both the WBA and WBC should be given a pat on the back for getting together on the rightful holder of the middleweight crown. When the WBA went along and recognized Rodrigo Valdes as the rightful world champion they at least cleared up one division title and helped straighten out the world boxing championship mess of split titles and vacant titles.

The public has been so boggled by the multi recognitions that many have lost interest.

The Ring certainly recognizes Valdes as the rightful world champion and we urge both

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By SHIRLEY NORMAN

THE decision was split—and so was the crowd's emotions when Ken Norton won a controversial victory over Jimmy Young in their 15-round title elimination bout.

The event, held in Las Vegas at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion, drew a live gate of nearly 5,000, many of whom felt that Young was the rightful victor.

However, the judges felt that Norton, as the aggressor, had piled up a sufficient edge to outpoint Jimmy Young's defensive tactics.

Nevada judge Art Luire socred the fight 144-142 in favor of Young, while Raymond Aldeyrou of France and Jim Rondeau of Washington gave Norton the edge with identical scoring of 147-143. The two out-of-state judges had also scored five and six rounds as dead even.

The first round of the battle was uneventful, as Norton and Young each attempted to study the other's battle plan. Norton threw a few ineffective jabs, and Young countered with a right cross and then a left-right combination to his opponent's head. Norton was obviously shaken and came back with a series of body punches in an apparent attempt at an early knockout.

The next three rounds were evenly matched, with Norton missing many of his jabs and Young coming back with a series of jabs and hooks that took his taller opponent by surprise.

Norton, notably mad, shifted to high gear in the fifth round and caught Young with a murderous left to the ribs and a looping right to the chin.

After a verbal assault from trainer Billy Slayton between rounds, a supremely aggressive Ken Norton answered the bell for the sixth round—switching his attack from Young's body to his head. Young proved his genius at evasive tactics as he eluded Norton's blows with the now familiar ducking, moving, and clinching.

Jimmy managed a right counter to Norton's head in the seventh round, but Norton's pair of stiff jabs won him the round.

The eighth round was Norton's finest as he pinned Young against the ropes with punishing blows to the body. The crowd, in a mood reminiscent of the Young-Foreman fight in Puerto Rico, began chanting "Jimmy Young . . . Jimmy Young" to spur on its obvious favorite.

The ninth round was uneventful, but the tenth round saw Jimmy Young back in the

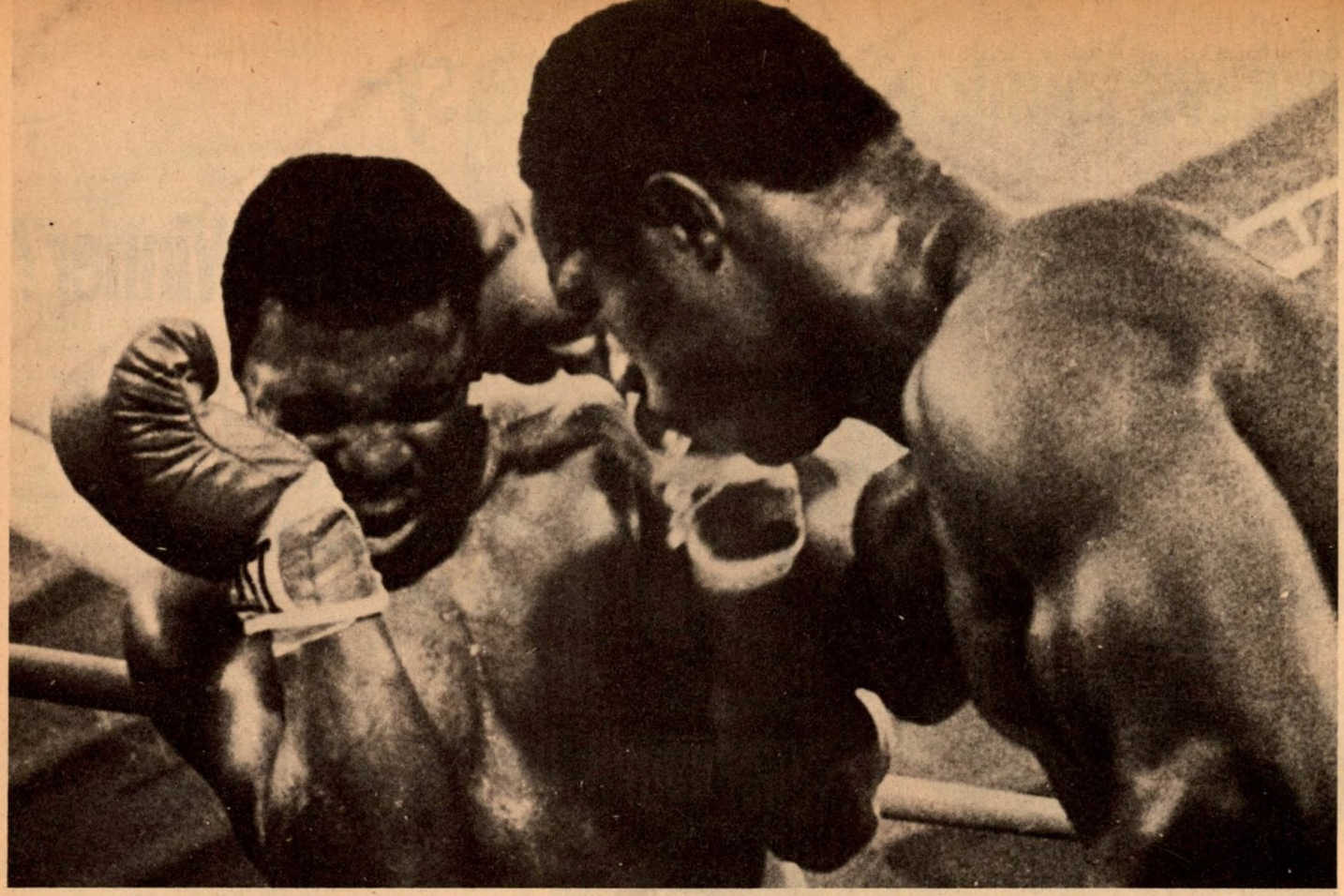
(Top photo) Perspiration flies from Norton's head with the impact of Young's right, but Young got his share of the punishment, as evidenced by the Norton left in the photo to the right. Norton won a split decision.

Norton-Young Stirs Controversy–

Will Ali Fight the Winner?

Says Norton, "I just want to meet Ali again as soon as possible."

Philadelphia heavyweight Jimmy Young lands a solid right to the jaw of Ken Norton, San Diego, during their 15 round bout in Las Vegas.



Young, seen on the receiving end of a Norton right, said after the contest, "Do I think I won the fight? Of course I do. I disagree with the whole scoring, but what can I do about it?"

driver's seat as he landed a pair of chopping rights to Norton's jaw and mouth.

The successive rounds saw Norton trying vainly to put his opponent away, while Young cleverly eluded Ken's attempted blows to both his head and body.

The 15th round was a do-or-die affair on the part of both fighters. Norton unleashed an arsenal of jabs and combinations, and Young began his own offensive attack for the first time during the fight.

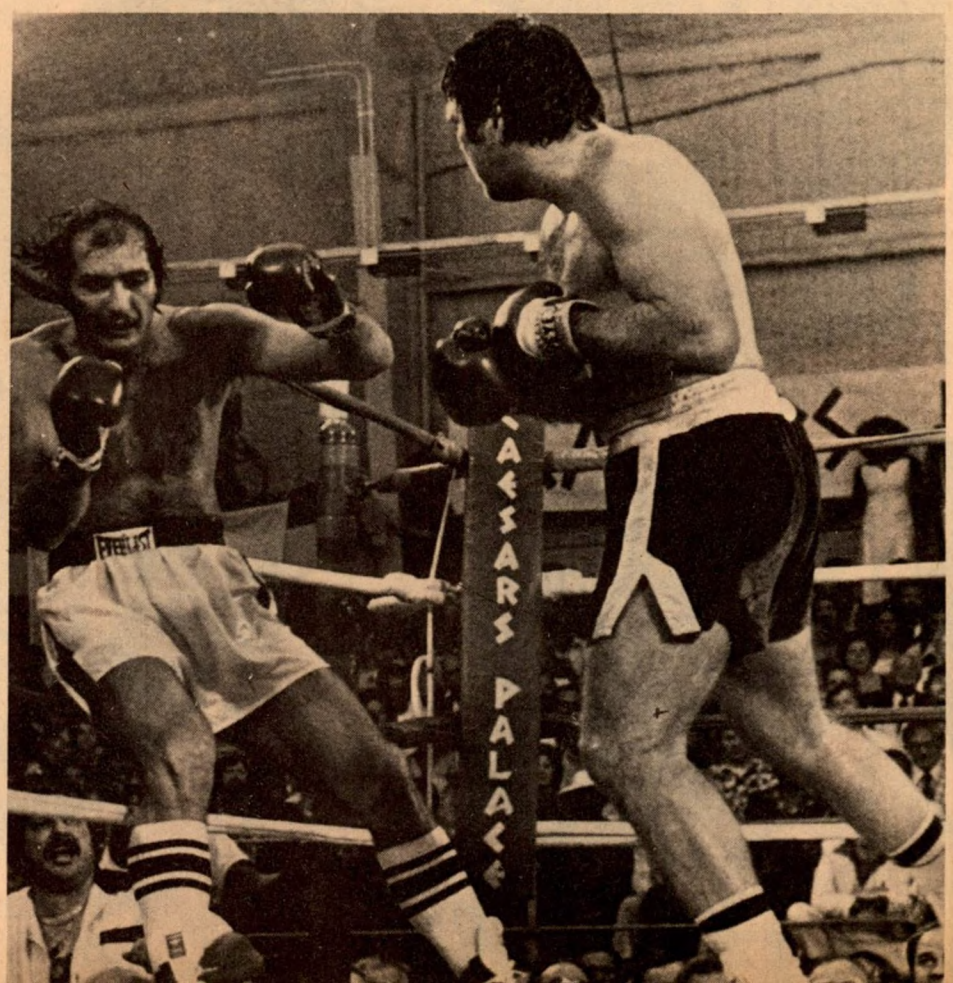
The last round was undoubtedly Norton's, and was no doubt the decisive one for the Norton victory.

There were no knockdowns at any time in the closely-fought contest.

The pro-Young crowd did little cheering as the decision was announced.

At the post-fight press conference, a dejected, but sportsmanlike Jimmy Young stated: "Do I think I won the fight? Of course I do. I disagree with the whole scoring, but what can I do about it?"

Young's wife, Barbara, nearly in tears, stated: "This is just a temporary set back. Jimmy will still win the title one day. You watch."



Jerry Quarry, Bakersfield, Calif., punches Lorenzo Zanon, Italy, into the ropes in the ninth round of their battle. Quarry was making a comeback after a two and a half year layoff.

Quarry knocks down the Italian in round nine of the Las Vegas heavyweight fight

The jubilation in the Norton camp was surprisingly low-key . . . perhaps because of the closeness of the victory.

A surprisingly subdued Ken Norton stated: "This was my toughest fight mentally, but it wasn't that tough physically. I just want to meet Ali again as soon as possible."

The prime concern of the Norton people now is a title re-match against Muhammad Ali.

At a late night press conference, conducted by Norton's manager, Bob Biron and promoter Don King announced that Biron had given King a 30-day option to sign an Ali-Norton title fight.

Announcement was also made that WBC President Jose Sulamain had given Muhammad Ali 60 days to sign for a fourth Norton bout and one year in which to meet the new top contender. "If Ali does not meet these terms," stated Sulamain, "he will be stripped of his title."

However, an indignant Bob Biron countered with: "We don't want the title that way. We prefer to have Ken win the title in the ring. Ali has gotten by for years with conning the public, and we feel it's time this was stopped. We don't even care how much money Ali gets for fighting Ken again. All we care about is that he gets in the damn ring!"

The semi-final on the card saw Jerry Quarry making a less than impressive comeback. Quarry, once the No. 1 heavyweight contender, showed the results of his 2½ year retirement. He was awkward, clumsy, and generally ineffective as he took on Lorenzo Zanon of Italy.

Zanon was agile and aggressive as he countered Quarry's slow and sloppy hooks and jabs. Zanon dealt Quarry numerous blows to the face and head causing considerable damage to the Irishman's cut-prone skin.

Zanon was leading on points until the ninth round when Quarry suddenly came to life, sending the Italian to the canvas four times during the round. Referee Joey Giambra stopped the bout at 2:34 of the 9th round.

After the fight, Jerry Quarry, bruised and battered and barely victorious, made this statement: "I'm frustrated as hell. Nothing came together right. It's tough to come back after two years."

Quarry then thanked promoter Don King, his trainer Richie Giacetti, and his hypno-

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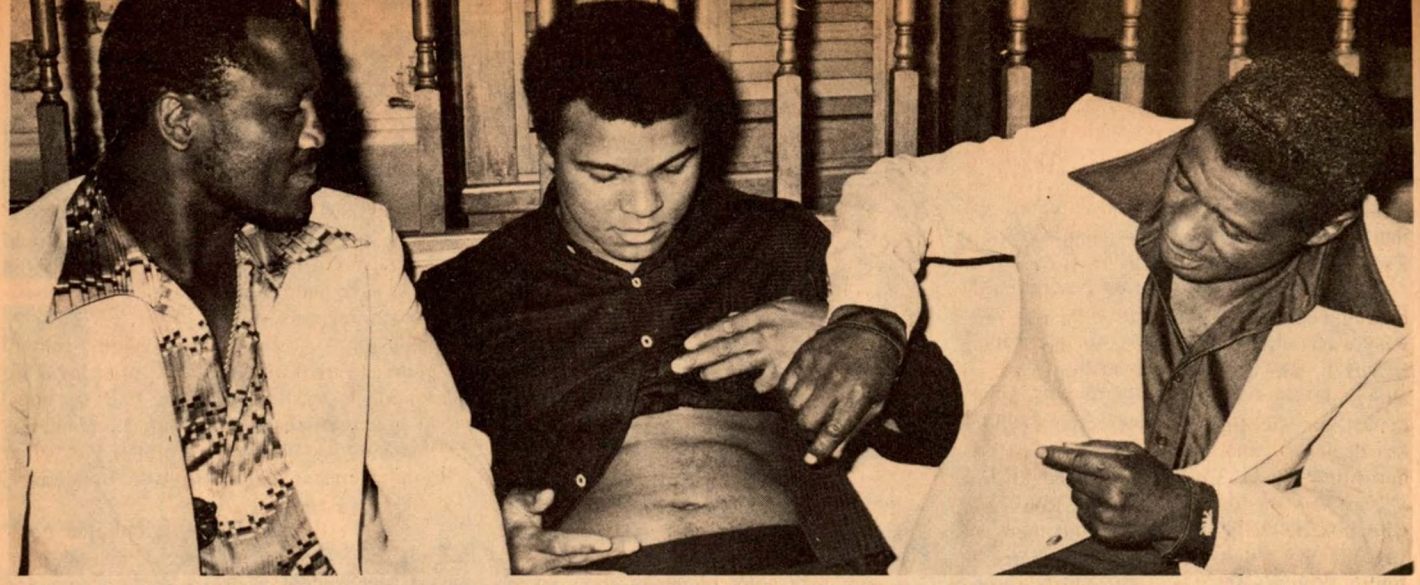
On the undercard, Sugar Ray Leonard, left, knocked out Mexico's Augustin Estrada, right, in the sixth round for the third knockout of Sugar Ray's pro career.



Acting New York State Athletic Commissioner and former heavyweight king Floyd Patterson playfully takes a poke at Muhammad Ali's belly. Joe Frazier wouldn't mind another shot at Ali's crown.

HEAVYWEIGHT COMEBACKS IN JEOPARDY

By JOHN ORT

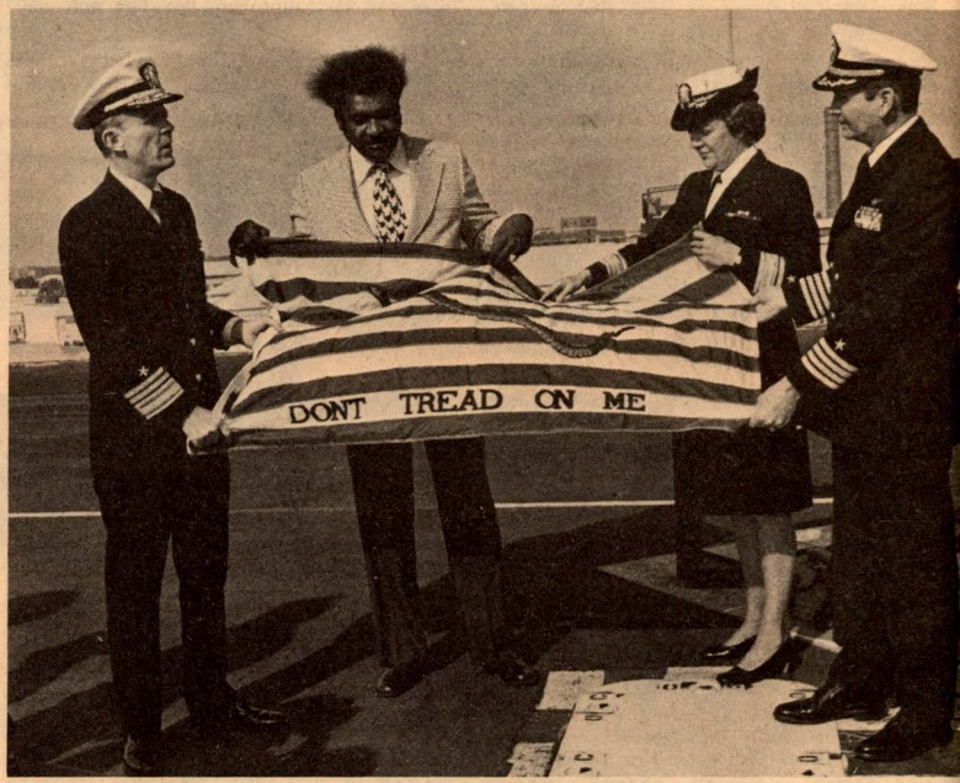
LET'S hear it for Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Jerry Quarry, and Duane Bobick. On a lower level, Boone Kirkman, Dino Dennis, Johnny Boudreaux and Ron Lyle. The Ali good losers club: Jimmy Young, Earnie Shavers and Alfredo Evangelista. All these men are making a comeback of sorts. Why? Follow along, maybe you'll get the drift.

Let's start from square one, Muhammad Ali. The champ calls all his own shots at this point in his career. Both the W.B.C. and W.B.A. make noise, but back off when Ali tells them to go to hell. The story was, Ali to box the winner of the Norton-Young bout in Las Vegas. Norton wins and Ali goes on record stating he'll fight the movie actor from San Diego for a mere 11 million dollars, so that dead-ends Norton.

Muhammad's next engagement is against the winner of the Leon Spinks-Alfio Righetti bout which means the ex-Olympian gets it. The reason for this bout—T.V. money. This time honest C.B.S. and Mr. Bob Arum, Top Rank, will provide the boxing public with both the Spinks-Righetti bout and the Ali-to-fight-the-winner card on February 15, in Las Vegas. Where are you Don King?

Step two—Joe Frazier's comeback bout for, guess who? Top Rank and Mr. Arum in a co-promotion with Madison Square Garden in early February. Joe will be pitted against Earnie Shavers, who last time out lost to Ali for Top Rank and Madison Square Garden a few months back. Why come back? Money, glory or just boredom.

Who can we blame for Jerry Quarry's so-called comeback, Don King? Quarry looked half dead after just two rounds against Lorenzo Zanon. The Italian had the bout won until he ran into a wild punch. Why is Jerry returning? Maybe money? When he quit he was at the end of the road. There is no need for a comeback. Jerry never held the heavyweight title or even came close. By the way, this is comeback number TWO!



Promoter Don King is responsible for convincing Jerry Quarry to return to boxing to face Italian Alfonso Zanon.

Next on the ladder to nowhere is another ex-heavy king called George Foreman. The rumor has it that the "Big Man" is in the gym and wants to return. Jimmy Young finished him off in Puerto Rico last year, but what a difference a year makes. He is being romanced by Donald King, who got George that big T.V. contract as an announcer with a great bit NETWORK called A.B.C.

Also in the running is a new man on the boxing beat named Jim Farley, a nice man who was out to help boxing in the ill-fated U.S.B.T. and lost his State Commission job along the way. He may be too straight and honest for the fight beat. George Foreman has dealt with many people in the past who hurt him.

Next on the comeback trail, Ron Lyle, who boxed Ali to a standstill and then was kayoed! Since then he has been defeated by Jimmy Young, but then started his return to the top via victories over Joe Bugner and Stan Ward; the last, a bout that put everyone to sleep on national T.V. from Las Vegas last September. Ward did nothing and Lyle showed up and was given the nod. Promoter King was again looking for something that's not there anymore. Sad but true.

Ken Norton lost to Ali for MSG and friends September 28, 1976, in Yankee Stadium. Many felt Ken won and many felt he lost. But some great P.R. by Murray and Bob Goodman turned around a career that might have ended. Instead, Norton has had a couple of good paydays. Ken then defeated Duane Bobick in one round and Lorenzo Zanon and last but not least is his Jimmy Young victory. Ken now waits to finish his comeback dream, as Ali fiddles and King burns.

Jimmy Young sits and waits for his return to the big time. He has already beaten Foreman, Lyle twice, and let's not forget about Jody Ballard. Ali may make a move in his direction—you don't have to be a winner to get a title bout.

There were a lot of cheap shots taken at Young in Las Vegas with the stories of underworld ties, unproven, but they may have cost him.

A man who is on the comeback trail is Duane Bobick. He received a terrific buildup on nothing fighters. Friends and newspapermen believed his record was as good as his ability. Good management brought him to the Ken Norton bout in MSG. An idiot wouldn't have made the match, but someone got conned. He fought Norton for $300,000 and got slaughtered in less than a minute. If anyone in his group had a brain, he could have boxed Ali for a million and maybe he would have had a chance to look good. Now he is starting back again.

Houston, Texas, heavyweight Johnny Boudreaux tried to come back, after breaking an ankle in the famous Scott LeDoux bout. Not having boxing people help him, he was conned into a fight with a tough kid called Randy Stephens. So bye-bye to Boudreaux, kayoed by Randy.

Spain's Alfredo Evangelista hit the comeback trail, with wins over Christian Poncelet and Lucien Rodriguez in Europe, and then that famous bout for MSG in New York with Pedro Soto. God help us all and Mr. Soto in particular! Rumor has it that he is now being promoted by D.K. and will stay

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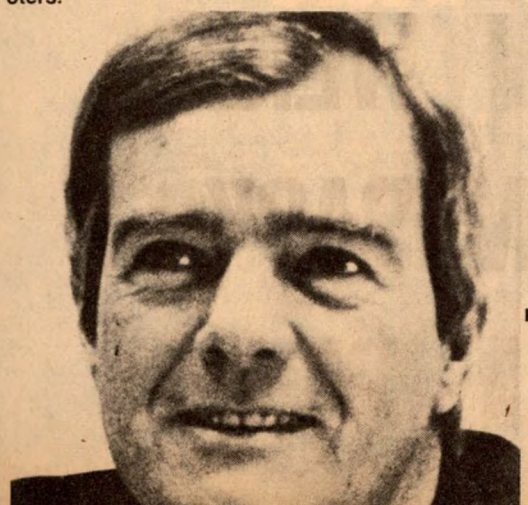
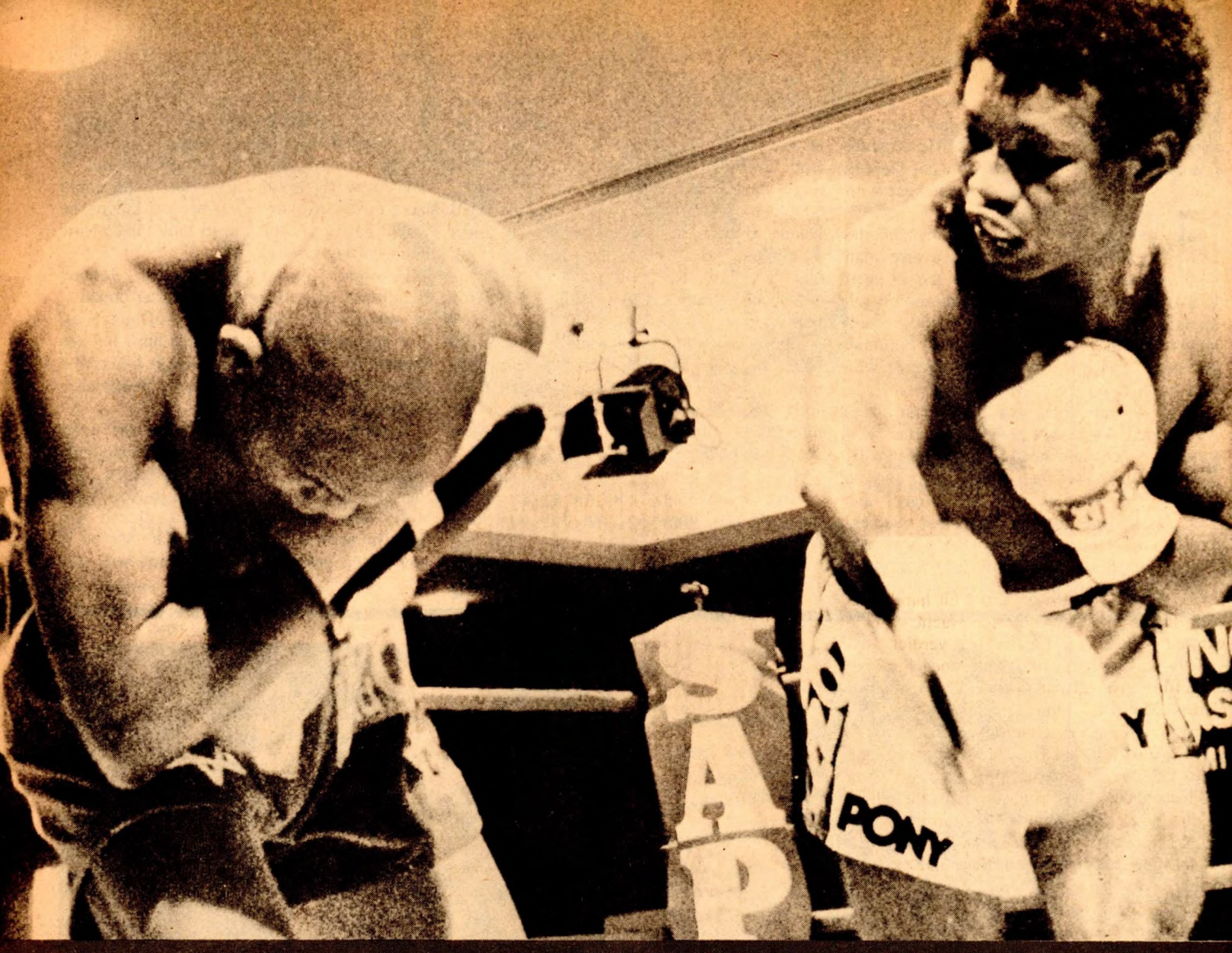
(Above) Bob Arum, of Top Rank Inc., who, with Madison Square Garden, is staging a comeback for Joe Frazier against Earnie Shavers. (Below) James Farley Jr., one of the new school of promoters.

Madison Square Garden's John Condon helped put together the deal that will return Frazier to the ring. What kind of future can "Smokin' " Joe hope for?



When networks and promoters get greedy, more often than not it's the fighter who comes back just once more who gets hurt.



Philadelphia's Bennie Briscoe is hit by a powerful right thrown by Colombia's Rodrigo Valdes during their world middleweight title fight in Campione D'Italia, Italy.

Valdes Tops Briscoe For World Middle Title

By RULDOLPH VASKOV

CAMPIONE, ITALY—Three is the lucky number for Colombia's Rodrigo Valdes. The former WBC middleweight king won a 15 round nod over Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa., to win the WBC, WBA and The Ring magazine vacant world middleweight crown. This was Mr. Valdes' third win over Briscoe.

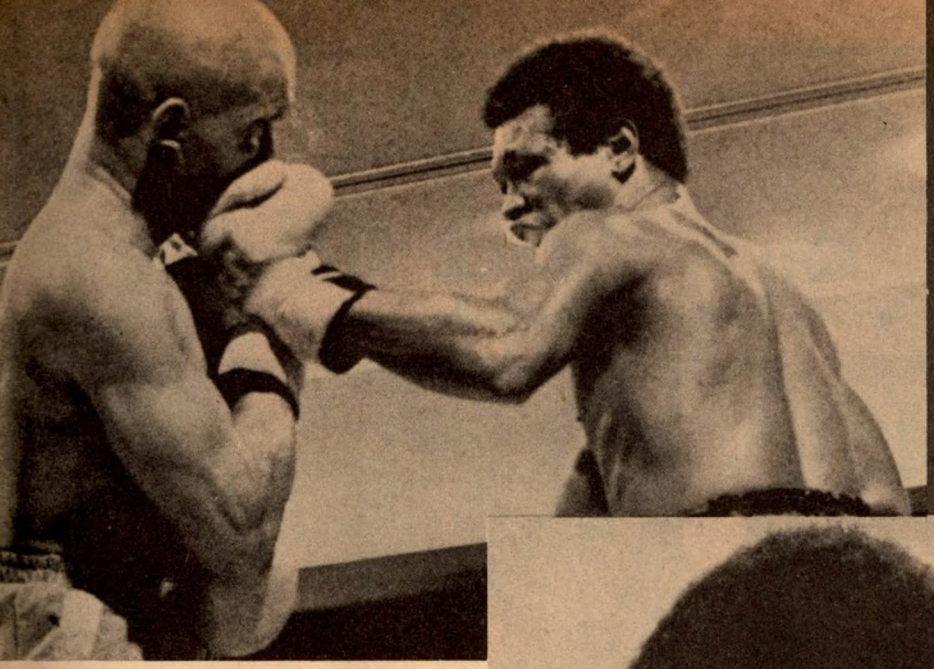
The 31-year-old champ admitted after the bout that he felt he should have put Birscoe away in either the third or fourth rounds, failing, he went on, put in some risks of being kayoed, in the latter rounds. At this point in the contest Briscoe looked tired and old, tottering under the heavy two-handed attack of Rodrigo.

Valdes stated, "My failure to send Briscoe down meant a continuation to the 15th round. I never was in real danger and I never feared being beaten. But you know, you must be extremely careful through the last second of the fight against hard-hitting opponents like Briscoe."

Bennie's best round was the twelfth when he knocked out the champ's mouthpiece and scored with some good left hooks. Valdes had built up a early lead from round three to eleven.

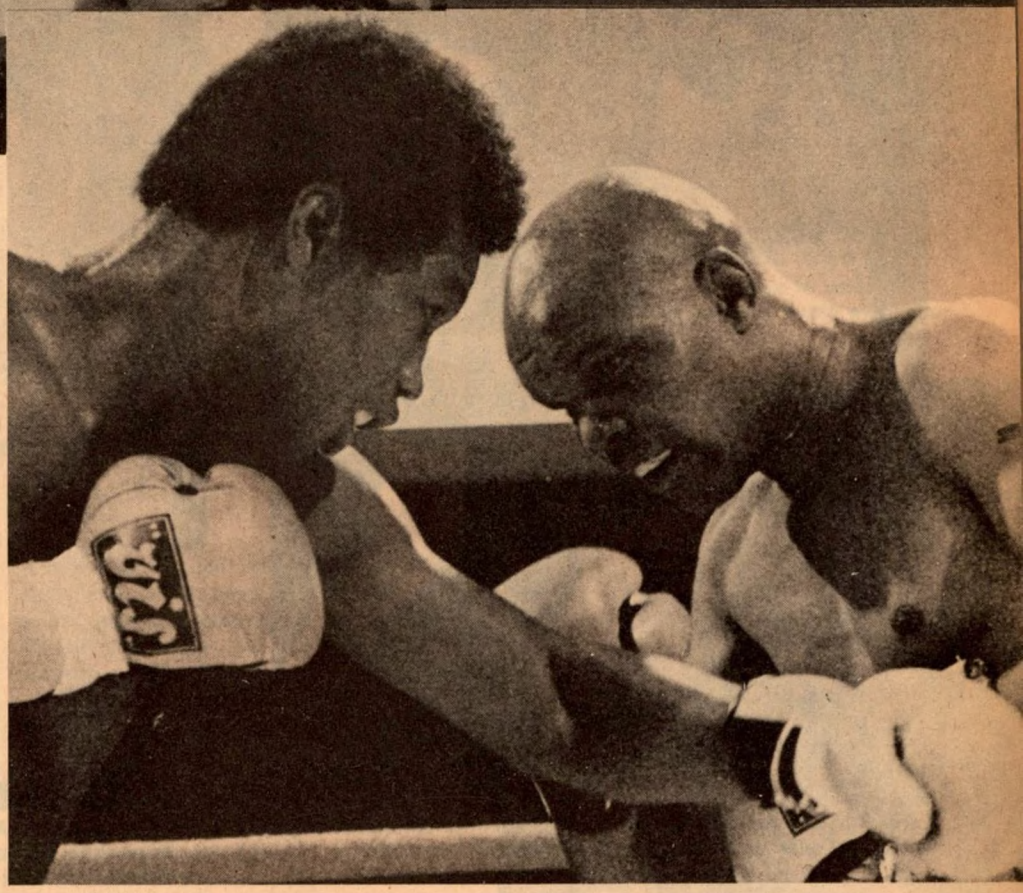
Valdes came strong to win the last three rounds and to win a split decision. The scoring: the referee had it 148-146, Briscoe, while the two judges scored it 148-145 and 149-142, both for Valdes.

The Philadelphia boxer stated after the bout, "I wuz robbed." Bennie went on: "two more rounds. Two more rounds and Valdes would have gone to the canvas. I did not commit any mistake. I was good in de-



Valdes slams a left hook to the face of Briscoe on his way to a 15 round split decision. Valdes is now recognized as world champion by the WBA, the WBC, and The Ring.

(Below) Valdes follows through on a left that the exhausted Philadelphia fighter bobbed to avoid.



fense. I used the left jab and I hit hard with both hands. It was a perfect tactic which worked well, except for the final verdict."

This was Valdes' first bout since his losing effort last July in Monte Carlo against Carlos Monzon. Many ringsiders felt that Rodrigo still has not gotten over this bout.

They also felt that Briscoe's age and tough bouts had caught up with him.

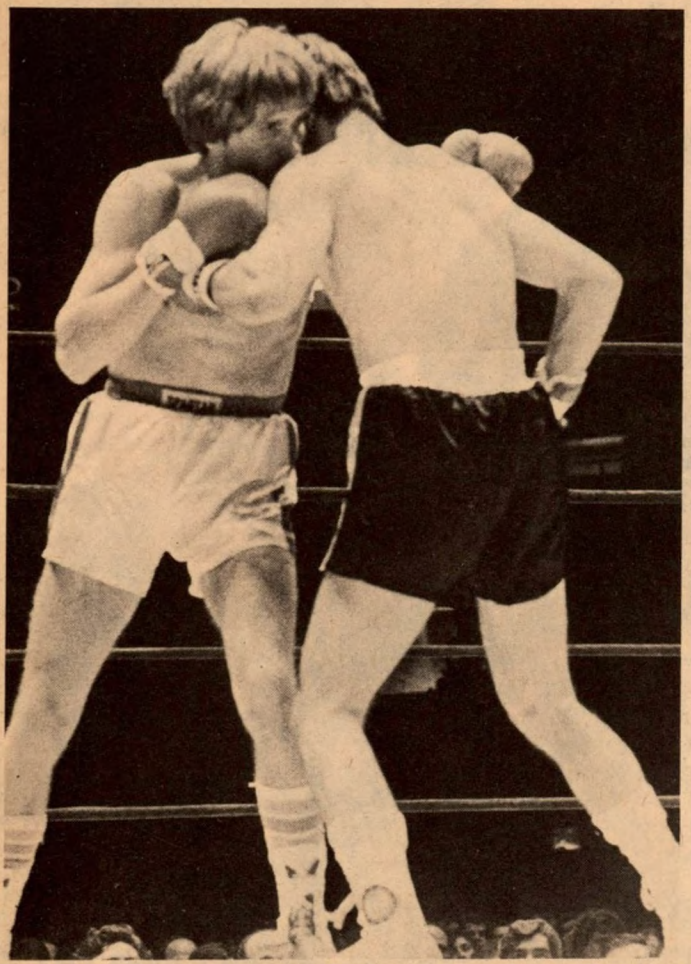
Most of the 800 ringside fans including ex-champion Nino Benvenuti, current WBC kings Miguel Cuello and Rocky Mattioli and Italian newspapermen felt that Valdes was an easy winner.

What's next for Valdes? Well, there is talk of a bout with France's Gratien Tonna, whom Valdes kayoed in a WBC title bout back in 1974 and Monzon kayoed in a world title contest in 1975. Valdes' manager, Gil Clancy, stated "There are no good, young challengers in the middleweight category at present. This is why the world title in recent years has been a private affair between such as Monzon Briscoe, Valdes and Tonna." One wonders at this statement since there are many other good middleweights in the world who have been left out in the cold, men like: Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio; Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.; Vito Antuofermo, Italy; Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass; Dave Love, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bad News Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo., to name a few. The most obvious conclusion is that there is concern about Valdes' welfare against these opponents.

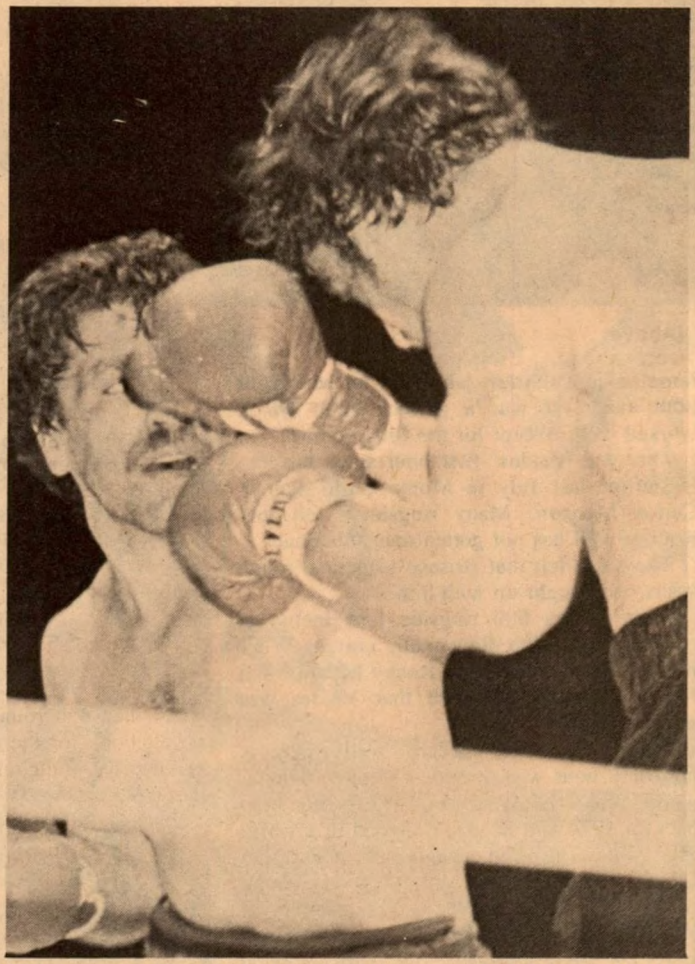
Watch for a boxer named Hugo Corro, Argentina, now boxing in Italy. This may be the next man to enter this private group of middleweights. Rumor has it that Valdes wants to call it a career after one more year.

A disappointed Bennie Briscoe walks in front of the triumphant Rodrigo Valdes after the split decision was announced in the Colombian's favor.

STANTON TOPS IN ACTION ON GARDEN CARD!
ANTUOFERMO, WESTON, SANCHEZ ALSO WIN



Larry Stanton, right, Merrick, N.Y., beat Johnny Turner, Brooklyn, New York, over 10 rounds in a Jr. welterweight contest.



Middleweight Vito Antuofermo, fighting out of Commack, N.Y., lands a left to the head of Mike Nixon, Glendale, California, in the course of their bout which ended in round four with Antuofermo the victor. Photos by Art Maxim

By NAT LOUBET

IN the Garden's new plan to bring New Yorkers a steady stream of boxing shows instead of the occasional major attraction, Teddy Brenner, Garden matchmaker, brought an estimated 4,000 fans through the turnstiles to witness a show including four ten rounders and a preliminary bout.

The main event had middleweight contender Vito Antuofermo, who fights out of Commack, Long Island, at 160½ pounds, trading leather with the handsome Mike Nixon from Glendale, California, who weighed in at 156 pounds.

It was evident that Nixon had come to fight, and in the first round he rocked Antuofermo with a harsh right hand that followed a left lead. Vito won the round by his aggressive tactics and by throwing the more effective punches.

The second round was closer as the Italian moved up his own attack, and by round three, Vito, being cheered on by his followers, was the man in charge.

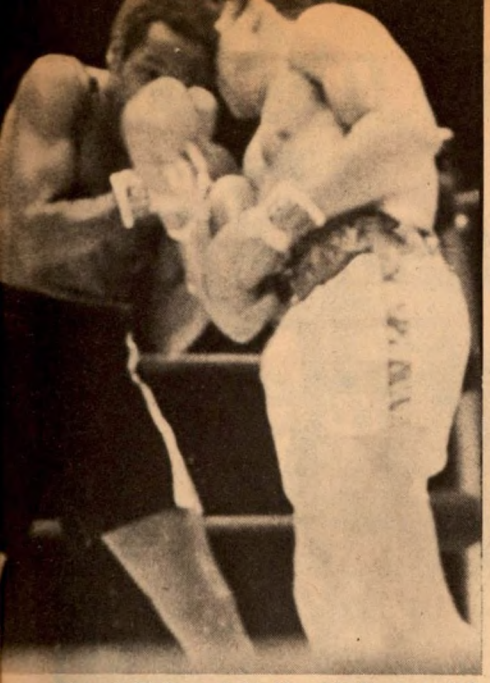
Vito bulled Nixon throughout round three and, with the exception of a good right hand thrown by Nixon, in the early seconds of the fourth round. The blow didn't phase Nixon, who was the recipient of a series of lefts and rights with a delayed action left hook dumping him to the canvas for the first of three trips to the canvas.

Referee Petey Della waved to indicate that the contest was over with only two seconds left in round four.

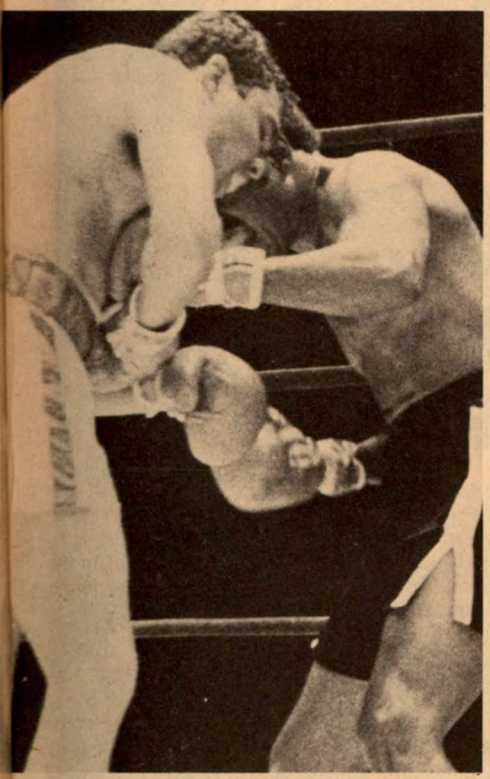
This ended the aspirations of the 25-year-old Nixon, who showed that he is willing and able, but not durable under hard punching.

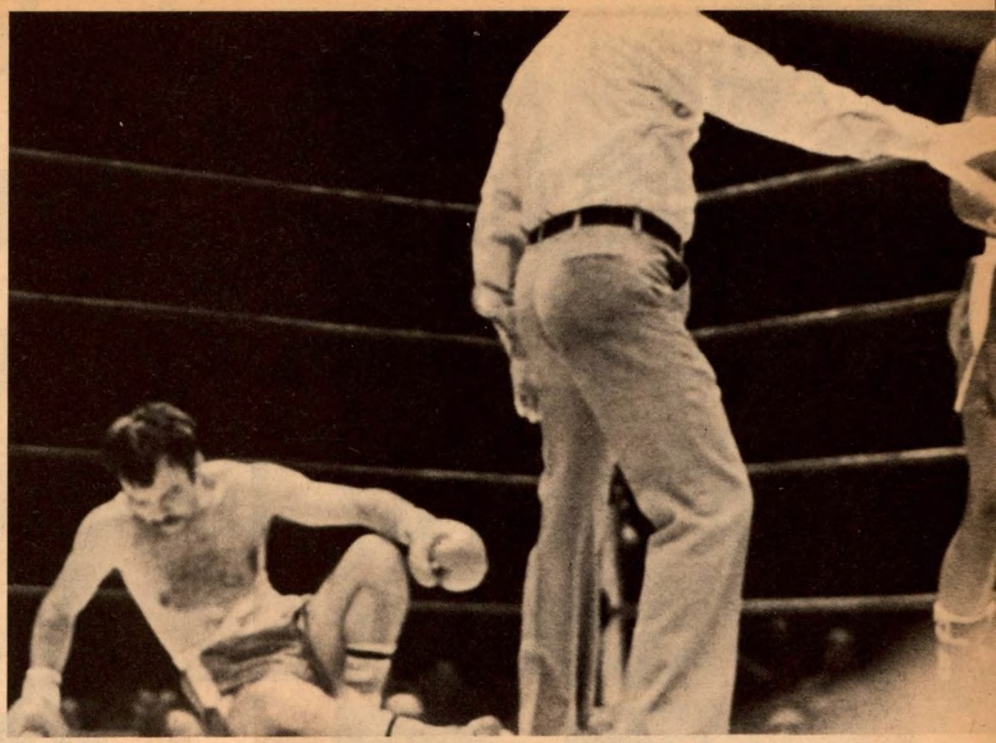
Antuofermo has now won forty out of forty-four fights with nineteen of his wins via the knockout route.

In another ten rounder, a welterweight contest, Harold Weston Jr. won his twenty fourth fight out of thirty five via a split ten round decision over a ring rusty Jose Rodriguez, who should have been rolled over, but who withstood the more aggressive Weston's best attacks in a bout that featured mainly body punching and cer-



(Above) Welterweight Harold Weston, left, won a split decision over ten rounds against Jose Rodriguez in what was a dull contest. (Below) Weston connects with a left to Rodriguez' midsection.





Felix Perez, Santo Domingo, hits the canvas as Juan "Cocoa" Sanchez is waved to a neutral corner. Perez was saved from further punishment in the seventh round when the fight was halted.

tainly derailed Weston's claims for a title shot. Harold was uninteresting, uninspiring and the bout was a bore.

In a scheduled ten rounder Juan "Cocoa" Sanchez of Santo Domingo, at 132½ pounds, was awarded a TKO over Felix Perez, 135, of the Bronx, New York, when the referee halted the fight at seventeen seconds into the seventh round with a staggering Perez cut over the bridge of his nose being relieved of further punishment by referee Billy Graham.

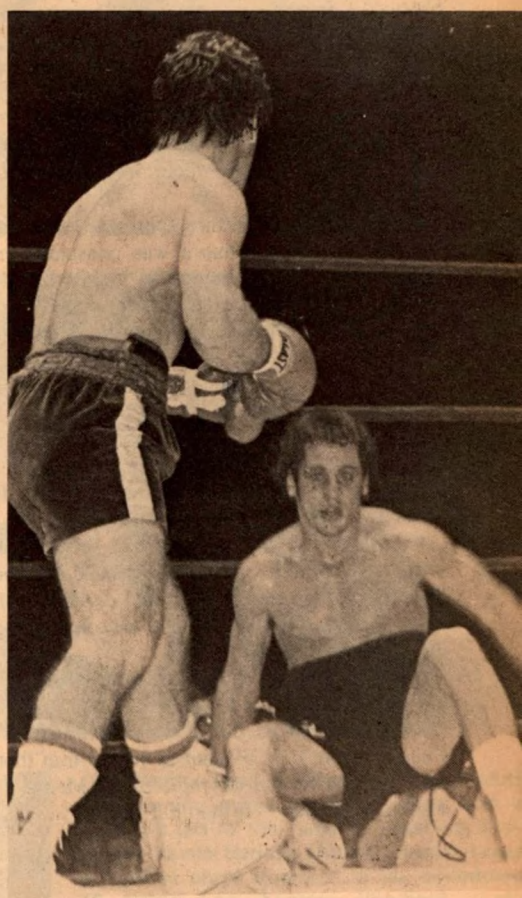
The fight was between two free swinging fighters who had come to win and put their all into the contest. This they did, in a bout that had little of the "pure science," but a lot of pure sockeroo.

In the sixth round Perez went down from a left hook for the count of eight and got up as the bell rang closing the round. It was obvious that he was hurt and the minute rest between rounds did not put him back into condition to be a serious threat for the rest of the night.

The best fight of the night was between a couple of Jr. welterweights, Johnny Turner of Brooklyn, New York, and Larry Stanton of Merrick, Long Island. The bout went the distance of ten rounds in a fight that could have been voted as a draw, but was awarded to Stanton, who dropped his opponent in the ninth round for the margin that gave him victory.

Turner is a boxer who sticks and moves, runs and counterpunches, while Stanton is of the typical two-fisted variety of fighter who will take a punch to give one. They put on an exciting fight that had the fans on their feet shouting encouragement at the action.

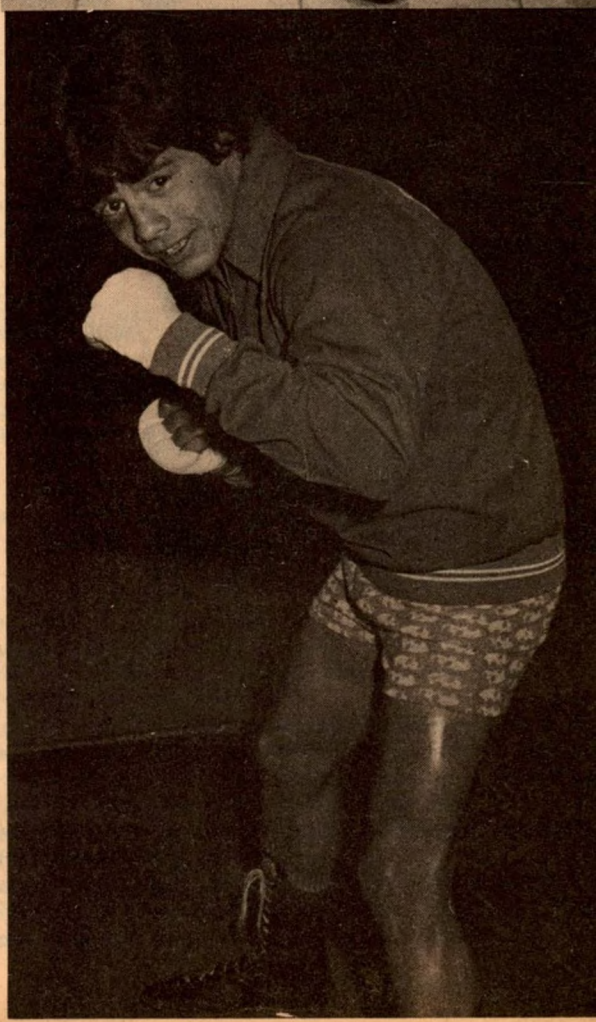
In a four rounder Rufus Miller, "The Hawk," who gets his name from the noise he makes to simulate his namesake, got the nod after four rounds from Eddie Campbell in a Jr. welterweight contest.



Vito Antuofermo puts Mike Nixon down for the count with only two seconds remaining in round four.

Zamora Loses Title to Lujan: Espadas Halts Santana in 8

By ARTHUR REMBERT



OFFENSE with no defense spells disaster. If you don't believe your writer just ask FORMER bantamweight champion Alfonso Zamora of Mexico, Lujan, a product of the Panamanian seaport city of Colon, used a slick defense along with a competent offense to give the harder hitting Zamora the boxing lesson of his life before sending him to the canvas for a count of ten by virtue of a right hand right on the proverbial button in the tenth round. It was an exciting fight all the way even though the outcome was becoming more and more predictable as the ever pressing Zamora started to wilt under Jorge's light but evidently lethal combinations.

Indeed, rounds one thru four saw Lujan fighting almost exclusively off the ropes because Zamora was constantly trapping him there. Although Lujan had Alfonso missing like a class D ballplayer swinging against Don Gullett, your reporter felt that it would only be a matter of time before Zamora would finally zero in on the Panamanian and end the fight.

Zamora was clearly surprised when Lujan, who had been escaping Alfonso's rope and corner traps all night, started to land his combinations on a rapidly tiring Zamora with crisp authority and seeing eye dog accuracy. For the first time in the bout, round six saw the challenger not only bring Zamora's pressure to a halt, but actually force the champ to the friendly confines of the ropes and corners for defensive purposes and a breather.

Getting his second wind in the seventh round assisted the champion's stamina, but did nothing for his speed. Indeed, at this point of the contest Lujan would go to the ropes and corners on his own, as opposed to being trapped there, so that he could save his strength and counter with increasing authority.

By the tenth round, Zamora who is, or was, possibly the strongest bantamweight champion to grace the division since Ruben Olivares, was definitely ready to go. Lujan realized it, and Zamora almost appreciated it. Caught in the type of neutral corner trap that he'd been setting for Lujan early on, the former Olympic Silver Medalist at Munich got caught with a straight right hand on the chin and the rest is history.

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(Top photo) WBA flyweight champion Gutty Espadas, Mexico, retained his title with an eight round KO over Nicaragua's Alex Santana. Santana started well enough, but the champ took control as the fight progressed. (Right) Alfonso Zamora of Mexico lost his world bantamweight title to Jorge Lujan of Panama. Lujan sent Zamora to the deck for a ten count in round ten after outboxing the harder hitter.

Zarate Defends WBC Bantam Title with Sixth Round KO

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES — It took Carlos Zarate five rounds to get started, but once he did, he made it decisive. As a crowd of 14,094 roared, Zarate put Danilo Batista out of his misery by scoring a sixth-round knockout to successfully defend his World Boxing Council bantamweight championship for the fourth time at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

The end came dramatically, and with it, the sound of another exploding cherry bomb at 1:28 of the sixth.

Zarate, who claimed his 47th knockout victim in remaining unbeaten after 48 pro fights, floored the previously unbeaten Batista with a right and a delayed left hook.

Batista, the South American champion from Sao Paulo, Brazil, fell back and landed on his buttocks, exhausted. However, he was up at the count of five and ready to resume hostilities. Fortunately for him, referee Rudy Jordan decided he was in no condition to continue after examining his glassy eyes. The 25-year-old, seven-year pro, making his U.S. debut, staggered drunkenly to his corner, even with Jordan's help.

Zarate, 26, unloaded to the boy, particularly in the fifth round, then zeroed in on the head after softening his 5-5 opponent,

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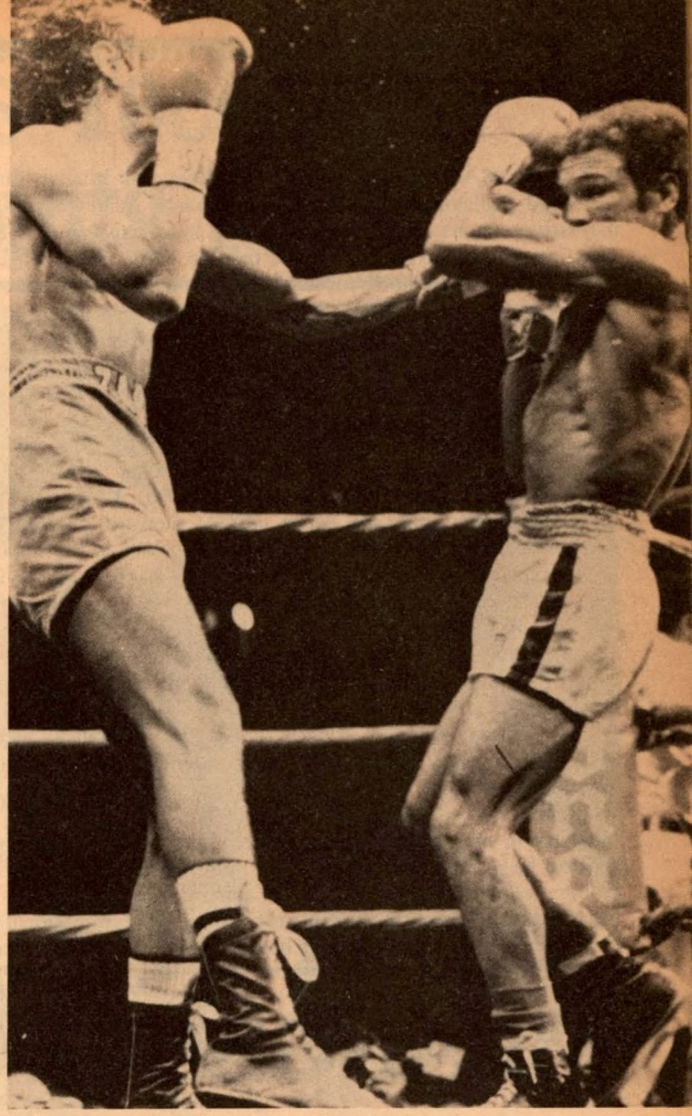

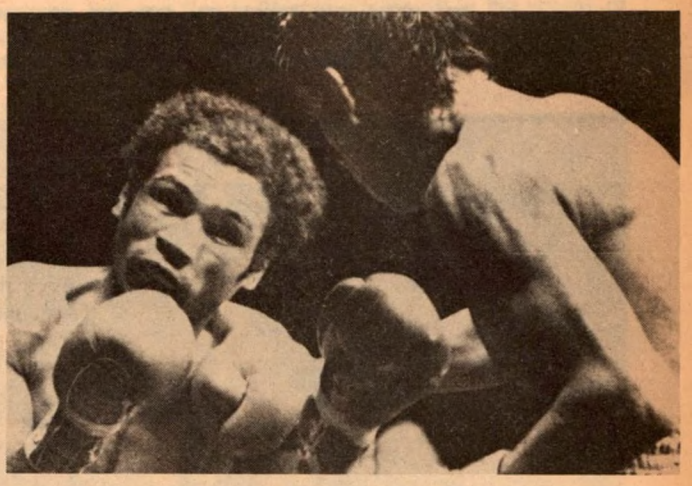

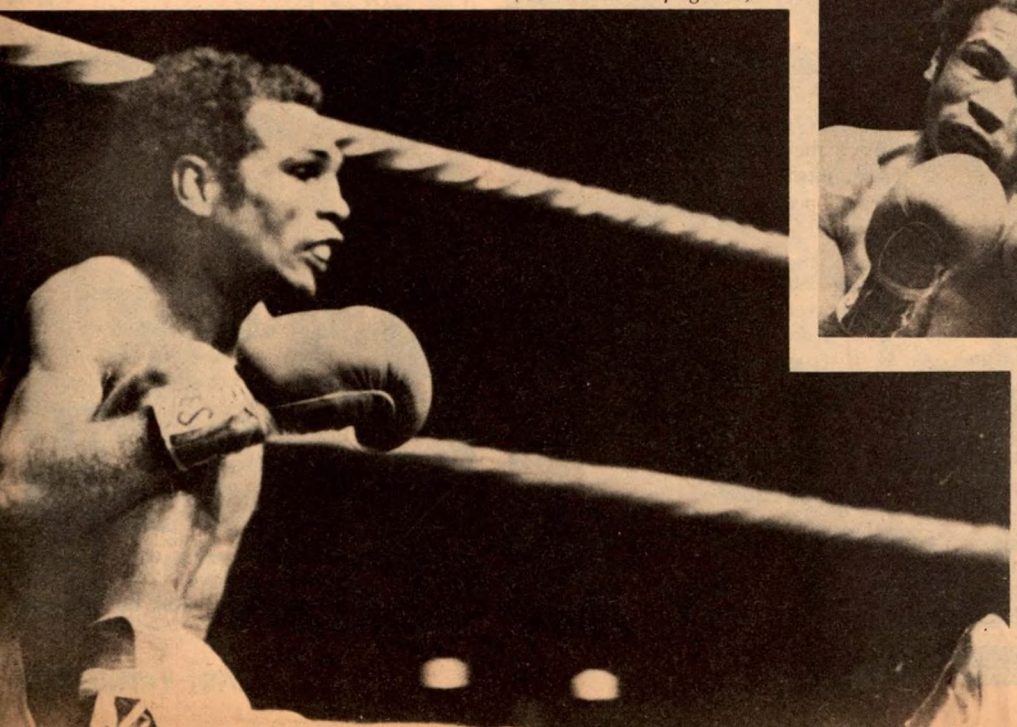

(Top Photo) Mexico's Carlos Zarate makes the opening move of round three with a hard left jab to the nose of Brazilian challenger Danilo Batista. (Above) Batista takes a right at close quarters in the scheduled 15 round Los Angeles title-bout. (Left) Batista is dropped in round six. Although Batista rose at the count of five, referee Rudy Jordan decided the fighter was in no condition to continue.

By ARTHUR REMBERT

SAOUL MAMBY lost to WBC king Shengsak Muangsurin via a 15 round decision in the Thai's own country with charges of irregularities in the scoring reported by a local newspaper. The nod was first announced as unanimous, then 36 hours later changed to a split decision. It seems that referee Abraham Chavarria, whose score was announced as 148-144 for Muangsurin, was actually 147-140 for Mamby. WBC official Tony Martinez of Hong Kong felt that there could possibly have been some confusion following the ring announcements because the ring officials who scored the cards at ringside might easily have mixed up the names.

Incidentally, referee Chavarria, who voted for Mamby, is the same official who disqualified Muangsurin when he defended his title against Miguel Velasquez last June 30, 1976, in Madrid, Spain. Velasquez wore the crown until Muangsurin stopped him in two rounds when they were rematched in October of the same year.

The bout itself most certainly will not be in the running for the fight of the year, but it did show other Jr. welterweight title aspirants that the hard punching former kick boxer can be boxed. Indeed, if the Brooklyn born Puerto Rican possessed a stronger punch, the controversy surrounding the scorecards might very well be academic.

That Mamby, going 15 rounds for the first time in a career that has seen him go the distance with such seasoned sockers as Roberto Duran and Antonio Cervantes, finished stronger than the champion was evident to everyone who witnessed the bout. Muangsurin may very well have been so tired in the final stretch because he spent the majority of the night trying to trap the clever Mamby so that the champ could get across the big one.

Muangsurin won the title in only his second professional fight. Prior to Mamby, only two other boxers have gone the distance with

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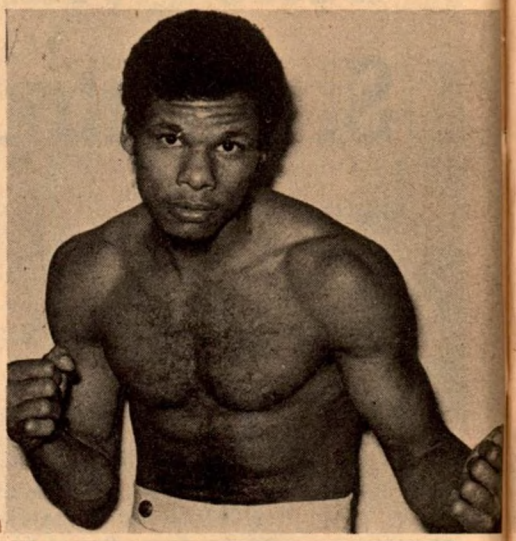
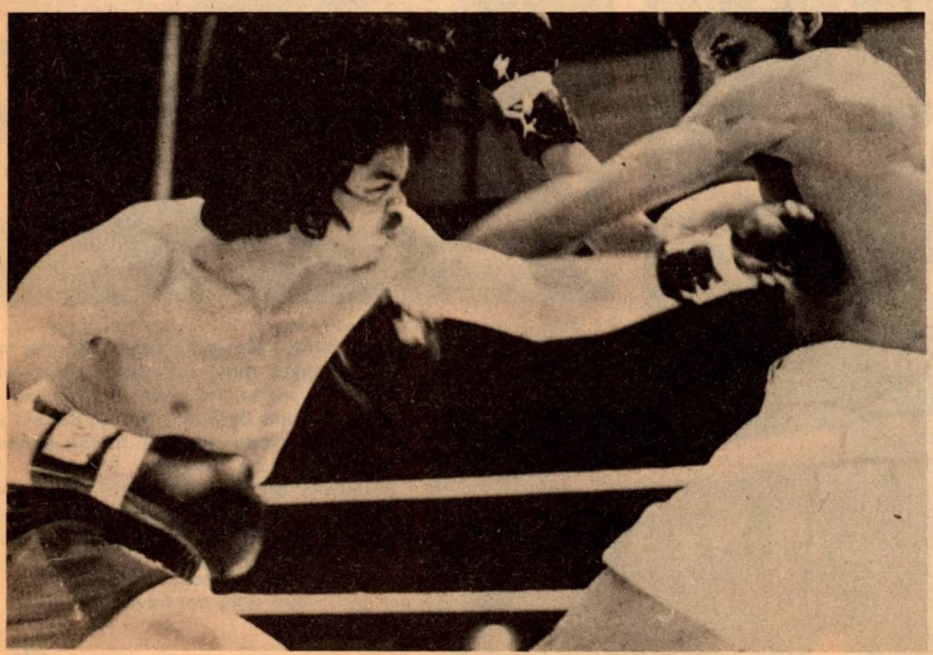


(Above) Thailand's WBC world Jr. welter champ Shengsak Muangsurin gets a hard right solidly in the face by challenger Saoul Mamby. (Right) New York's Saoul Mamby.

MUANGSURIN WINS DISPUTED VICTORY OVER MAMBY



(Left) Muangsurin connects with a left to Mamby's ribcage. (Above) The champ's arm is raised in victory after he received the 15 round nod.

Ranzany-Shields Technical Draw Disappoints Fans

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

SACRAMENTO— It was a twice postponed match that everyone had waited to see. When it finally came off it didn't last very long, and neither camp was left with much to celebrate. The bout was between Pete Ranzany and Randy Shields, and it ended in a technical draw at 1:31 of the 2nd round when Shields was unable to continue due to a cut above the right eyebrow.

The bout was for Ranzany's North American Boxing Federation welterweight title and was scheduled for 12 rounds at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium. The first delay was caused when Shields came down with the flu. Three weeks later Ranzany pulled a muscle, which meant another postponement. So it was with much anticipation that a sellout crowd of 4,687 showed up and paid a record $46,881, which at least made promoter Babe Griffin a happy fellow.

But as Joe Louis once remarked about a particularly dull fight: "Nobody got hurt but the customers." This time the customers, and Randy Shields' right eyebrow.

After campaigning as a lightweight, Shields has recently moved into the welterweight ranks. In 35 bouts he has only lost to Vincente Saldivar, the first time on cuts, the second by decision. Since then Shields has put on weight, gained punching power, and has knocked out Ray Lampkin in three and Pancho del Toro in four. He has 25 knockouts to his credit, and a Number 3 world rating by The Ring.

Ranzany didn't really need this fight. He is rated Number 2, and all he has to do is wait for either the WBC or WBA to assign their champions a match with him. Ranzany's record of 35-1, with 25 K.O.'S. has been built at the expense of some very good fighters, including Adloph Viruet, Gene Wells, Abel Cordova, Renato Garcia, and many others.

Ranzany, at 147, came into the fight extremely calm and unconcerned about Shields' reputation for backpedaling. An 8-5 favorite, Ranzany's plan was the same for all his fights; keep the pressure on and when things get tough, increase it. "I've been told to slow down and not try so hard," Pete said. "But I don't fight that way. I'm not in there to do any sightseeing."

Shields, 145, from North Hollywood, is managed by his father, movie stuntman Sonny Shields. Like Ranzany, he is a down to earth, likeable fellow, who is given to very little bragging. But he doesn't share the same style of fighting with Ranzany. His plans were to stay away, move from side to side, and start dropping quick punches when Ranzany was off balance.

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(Above) Welterweights Pete Ranzany, left, and Randy Shields square off in the course of their Sacramento bout. The fight was ended in the second round when Shields was unable to continue due to a cut above the right eyebrow. Photo by Harry Rosenbluth.
(Below right) Randy Shields, Los Angeles, California.
(Below left) Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, California.

GREGORY MISSES BIG CHANCE AS GALINDEZ BARELY RETAINS TITLE

By GREGORIO MARINO

The WBA's light heavyweight champion, Victor Galindez of Argentina, raises his arm in victory as a dejected Eddie Gregory of Brooklyn, N.Y., looks on. The champ very narrowly got the nod.

TURIN, ITALY — W.B.A. light heavyweight king Victor Galindez retained his crown with a 15 round unanimous decision over Brooklyn's Eddie Gregory.

The fight was televised to the U.S. by C.B.S., and was filled with boredom. This is the usual type of bout that Gregory boxes, but not Galindez. The champ looked stale and was lucky Eddie didn't pull out all stops to win.

The broadcasters on the contest, Tim Ryan, Angelo Dundee and Gil Clancy gave the public their views of this fight. Dundee said, "This is not a good fight to look at."

The Daily News T.V. reporter Peter Coutros' remarks on the contest were no more flattering! "For the first third of the

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IT'S SPINKS VS. ALI!

By JOHN ORT

24-year-old Olympic light heavyweight king Leon Spinks, 201, outpointed Italy's Alfio Righetti over ten rounds at the Las Vegas Hilton Sports Pavilion before a crowd of some 3,000.

Spinks's reward for winning this contest is getting a crack at Muhammad Ali at the same venue in February. These arrangements were made by Bob Arum and Top Rank last September with Ali and C.B.S. T.V. C.B.S. also stated on the air that the winner of the Jesse Burnett-Lonnie Bennett contest would meet the winner of the Victor Galindez-Eddie Gregory W.B.A. light heavyweight title bout in Turin, Italy. Burnett stopped Bennett and Galindez outpointed Gregory.

Burnett looked like a million dollars at times in his bout with Bennett. When Jesse attacked there was no problem about the out-

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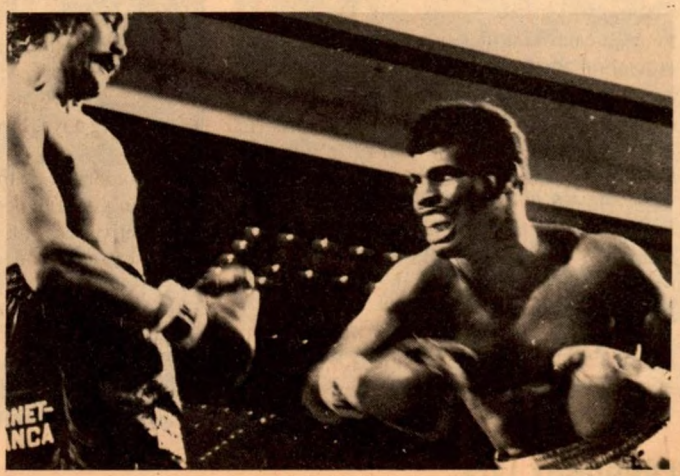
(Below right) An angry Leon Spinks of Philadelphia charges Alfio Righetti, the Italian heavyweight king, during their 10 round Las Vegas bout. Spinks took a unanimous decision. (Below left) On the same card, light heavyweight Jesse Burnett stopped Lonnie Bennett in the sixth round.



By NIGEL COLLINS

LIGHT HEAVY MATT FRANKLIN IS PHILLY'S LATEST HERO

PHILADELPHIA—Two of the most vicious and thrilling ring wars in local boxing history have catapulted Matthew Franklin from relative obscurity to the heady status of hometown hero.

The tall, broad shouldered light heavyweight won the hearts of the hard bitten Philadelphia fans when he rallied from the brink of defeat to stop both Marvin Johnson and Bill "Dynamite" Douglas in two savage brawls at the Spectrum.

Public acceptance in a city brimming with good fighters was hard to come by for the good natured and perosnable young South Philadelphian. Matthew's early days as a preliminary fighter were fraught with inconsistency. He looked like a future champ pummeling fellow prospects Vandell "Big Boy" Woods and "Smokey" Joe Middleton, only to be mauled into a points defeat against journeyman Wayne McGee.

A rematch with McGee resulted in a disapointing draw that flattered Franklin.

With established Philadelphia fighters such as veteran middleweight contender Bennie Briscoe and the flashy brother team of Tyrone and Mike Everett grabbing the headlines, Franklin was forced to mature into a ten-round, main event boxer on the road.

Matt shocked the international scene in May of 1976 when manager Frank Gelb booked him a Milan bout with Mate Parlov of Yugoslavia. The unknown Philadelphian had been imported as a tune-up for the undefeated lefthander, but proved to be much more.

With just 12 pro bouts under his belt, Franklin handed Parlov a boxing lesson and won an 8-round decision.

Next Franklin travelled to Stockton, California, where he outpointed another previously unbeaten southpaw, Marvin Camel.

After an easy TKO win over Bobby Walker in Scranton, Gelb accepted a rematch with Camel in Marvin's hometown of Missoula, Montana.

This proved to be a mistake. Matt lost a controversial ten-round decision that was first ruled no-decision, then switched to a win for Camel after Franklin and Gelb flew home.

A rematch with Parlov, who had won the European light heavyweight title since his first meeting with Matthew, further demonstrated the pitfalls of fighting in your opponent's backyard.

Most published reports said that Franklin handled Parlov once again with ease, only to be rewarded for his effort with a draw.

At this point in his career it was becoming increasingly obvious that Matt needed the support of a home base. It was time to make a name for himself in Philly.

The first step was a match with dangerous young contender Eddie "Flame" Gregory at the Philadelphia Arena in the first round of the ill-fated Hank Schwartz-Don Elbaum Television Championships.

Matthew was a big underdog but surprised both Gregory and the experts when he dropped Eddie with a sneak right in the opening round. However, Franklin let his momentum slip away and lost an unpopular split decision over ten rounds to the hustling New Yorker.

"Gregory was my first big name opponent," recalled Matthew during a recent interview at his Junior Gym training headquarters. "I was a little too respectful of him, although I still thought I won. After the fight I knew I could hold my own with the big boys. I would love a second crack at Eddie."

As important as the Gregory match was for Franklin's confidence, of equal importance was the positive reaciton of the crowd. For the first time they sat up and took notice of their homegrown product. Matt was not an overnight sensation but the seeds of recongition had been planted.

A few more wins prepared Franklin for his big break. He was to top the bill at the Spectrum in a

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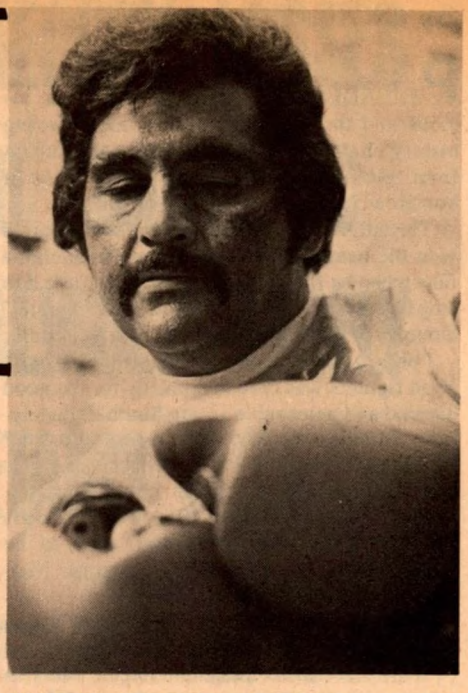
(Top photo) Philadelphia light heavyweight Matt Franklin, left, mixes it up with Marvin Johnson during the Philadelphia bout. Franklin won a 12th round KO. (Above) Matt Franklin.

Ex-Champ Pastrano Is Happy Helping Kids Learn To Box



Willie Pastrano, former light heavyweight king, clowns around with female admirer in photo at left. Willie is looking good in photo above as he strikes familiar pose.

By GEORGE GURTNER

It seemed like light years from the time when Willie Pastrano was regularly beaten up by neighborhood toughs in the French Quarter of New Orleans to the night he decisioned Harold Johnson for the light heavyweight championship of the world.

In the French Quarter, the kids called their five-foot, 200-pound punching bag "Fat Willie." In the ring that night many years later, the announcer called him "The new light heavyweight champion of the world. . ."

It was a scene right out of the movie, "Rocky." A fat, born loser goes into the gym to lose weight. Years later walking under a marquis, Pastrano silently moved his lips as he read the lettering:"Harold Johnson vs. Mauro Mina for the light heavyweight championship of the world."Sylvester Stallone could have written the script: When Mina was examined, doctors diagnosed a detached retina. Next in line for a title shot was Henry Hank. But the doctors found a hairline break in Hank's skull. Pastrano was next in line, and he make good with the cards fate had dealt to him.

It felt good beating Johnson that night. Pastrano was on and he knew it.

It felt good successfully defending his crown against Gregorio Peralta and Terry Downes and eating steak and driving a Lincoln Continental too.

But it all ended three fights later when Pastrano took a hard shot in the liver from Jose Torres. The one-time fat kid from the French Quarter took a vicious beating from Torres in Madison Square Garden that night. Pastrano's eyes were puffed and his ribs and internal organs had been beaten to a pulp. Referee Johnny LoBianco mercifully ended it in the ninth round.

"When a guy takes a beating like I took tonight, he has to think twice before he ever fights again," Pastrano said through battered lips that night. "I've been in the fight business 13 years and tonight seems as good a time as any to get out..."

It was a millenium later and Pastrano was fighting another battle. This time he was winning. The ex-champ locked himself in a hotel room in Miami and for two days he battled heroin. He was all alone for two days, as he vomited and suffered the accumulated pain of all his 83 fights. when it was over Pastrano came out a winner.

Eons later Pastrano found himself running a gymnasium atop a building in downtown New Orleans. The gym folded and Pastrano says he felt himself back in the ring with Torres that night. A short time later, when several persons were killed trying to escape a fire which ravaged the building housing the vacated gym, Pastrano realized he had come out a winner once again.

From "Fat Willie" to world champion and there was a lot of hell sandwiched in between.

Today, Pastrano works for the New Orleans Police Department's Community Relations Division as an advisor in a boxing program.

His 230 pounds are well over the light heavy limit; and the $142 the ex-champ brings home every two weeks, is nothing like the paydays he once knew. But through it all, Pastrano says he's happy. He's beaten heroin. He's a grandfather and he's about to become a father for the eighth time. And most of all he enjoys the work he's doing

The scenario hasn't changed much. The setting these days is a former fire punching bags and lockers. The whap, whap,whap of jump ropes slapping against the concrete floors is ever present.

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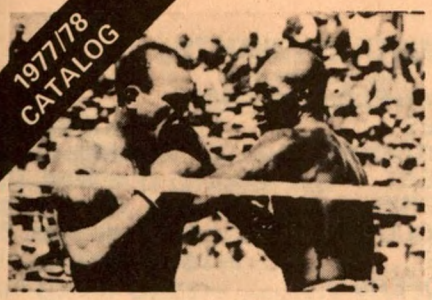

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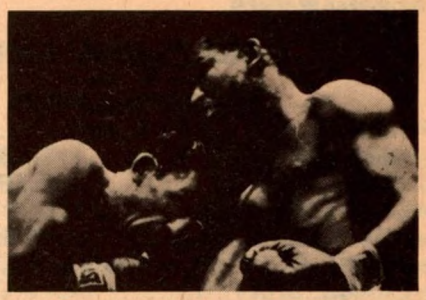

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2—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
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8—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
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10—GERRY COETZEE ..... South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
Title Vacant
1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—MIGUEL CUELLO** ..... Argentina
3—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
4—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnesville, N.J.
5—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
6—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, N.Y.
7—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
8—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
9—MATE PARLOV ..... Yugoslavia
10—JESSE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
1—MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
3—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
4—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—ALAN MINTER ..... England
9—EDGAR WALLACE ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
10—TOM CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
2—AYUB KALULA ..... Uganda
3—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
4—ROCKY MATTIOLI ** ..... Australia
5—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
6—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
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8—BILLY BACKUS ..... Syracuse, N.Y.
9—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
10—RAY PHILLIPS ..... Dallas, Texas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
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7—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
8—JOSE PALACIOS ..... Mexico
9—EVERALDO AZEVEDO ..... Argentina
10—BRUCE CURRY ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
3—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
4—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—LAURIE AUSTIN ..... Australia
6—DAVID GREEN ..... England
7—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
8—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire
9—NANI MARRERO ..... Dominican Rep.
10—JIMMY CORKUM ..... Brockton, Mass.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS** ..... Puerto Rico
2—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
3—ANDREW GANIGAN ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
4—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
5—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
6—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
7—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain
9—ENRIQUE SOLIS ..... Puerto Rico
10—JIM WATT ..... Scotland

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
2—ALEXIS ARGUELLO ..... Nicaragua
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FEATHERWEIGHTS
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WORLD CHAMPION
Title Vacant
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5—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
6—YUM-DONG KYUN ..... South Korea
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8—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbus, Ohio
9—MANUEL MASSO ..... Spain
10—PEDRO JIMINEZ ..... Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
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2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
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8—ALBERTO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
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FLYWEIGHTS
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WORLD CHAMPION
MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
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3—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
4—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
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6—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama
7—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
8—JUAN ALVAREZ ..... Mexico
9—PATRICK MAMBRWE ..... Zambia
10—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy

CARLOS ZARATE
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

W. B.C. bantamweight champion Carlos Zarate wins this month's award with his victory over Spain's Juan Rodriguez. Other top wins for the month: Antonio Cervantes' victory over Nani Marrero, W.B.A. junior welterweight title; Shengsak Muangsurin's win over Saoul Mamby, W.B.C. junior welter title; Wilfred Benitez' non-title win over Bruce Curry, junior welters; heavyweight Spinks' defeat of Alfio Righetti; Alan Minter's winning of the British middleweight crown from Kevin Finnegan, 15 rounds, and junior lightweight Frankie Baltazar's two wins this month.

Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Mo., moves into the top ten with his victory over Righetti. Spinks is no. 9, while Alfio drops out. Boudreaux falls out of the ratings, as he was stopped last time out by Randy Stephens. Knoetzee and Evangelista move up one spot each due to Righetti's defeat.

One change in the light heavies: Alvaro Lopez exchanges places with Vonzell Johnson. Lopez kayoed Chuck Warfield.

Alan Minter regained the British middle title and moves up from nine to eight, as Finnegan, whom he beat drops out of the top ten. Replacing him is Kansas City's Tom Chiaverini, who defeated Billy Duquette.

Junior middleweight: Elisha Obed moves up from five to three, with his win over Henry Mitchell; Castellini and Anderson drop two spots each, to five and six. Ross's victory over Barajas pulls him up from nine to seven, while inactive Wissenbach falls to nine from seven. Also inactive, Dagge drops out to make room for Dallas' Ray Phillips, who defeated Joe Barrientos. Phillips, number 10, has a 12-1 record and only lost at the hands of number two middleweight Marvin Hagler.

Hector Thompson, Australia, moves up from eight to seven, as Marrero drops from seven to eight due to his loss to Antonio Cervantes, for the W.B.A. Jr. welter title. Curry, who lost to Benitez, moves into the ten spot in the welters, replaced by newcomer Jimmy Corkum, Brockton, Mass. Jimmy beat Jose Ortiz last time out and sports a record of 13-0. Curry's mark now falls to 13-1.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
Nick Wells Fort Worth, Texas	10/76	9	8	1	0	8
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Francisco Fiol Switzerland	1/74	29	27	2	0	20
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Greg McPherson Los Angeles, Calif.	3/77	5	5	0	0	4
WELTERWEIGHT						
Johnny Sullivan Portland, Ore.	2/77	9	8	1	0	3
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Eddie Graves Youngstown, Ohio	2/77	4	4	0	0	1
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Steve Dement Bossier City, La.	9/76	9	9	0	0	0
BANTAMWEIGHT						
David Barrera Los Angeles, Calif.	6/77	3	3	0	0	1
FLYWEIGHT						
Kazumas Tamaki Okinawa, Japan	2/77	12	7	3	2	1

TV MOVIE FEATURES LOUIS–SCHMELING TITLE FIGHTS

"REHERSAL FOR ARMAGEDDON" EXAMINES LOUIS-SCHMELING IN RELATION TO THE ERA PRECEDING WORLD WAR II.

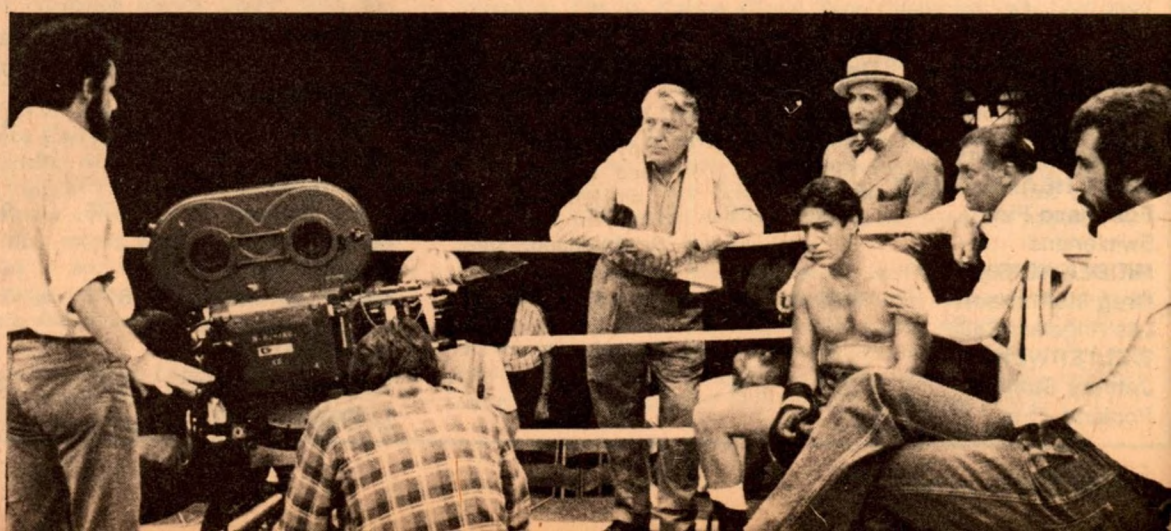
By JOE SANTLEY

THE two fighters circle warily. "Now," booms a voice on a bullhorn, "Joe jabs twice, then drops his left. Max lands a right cross to the jaw. Joe wobbles, hurt." The two in the ring obediently respond to the direction.

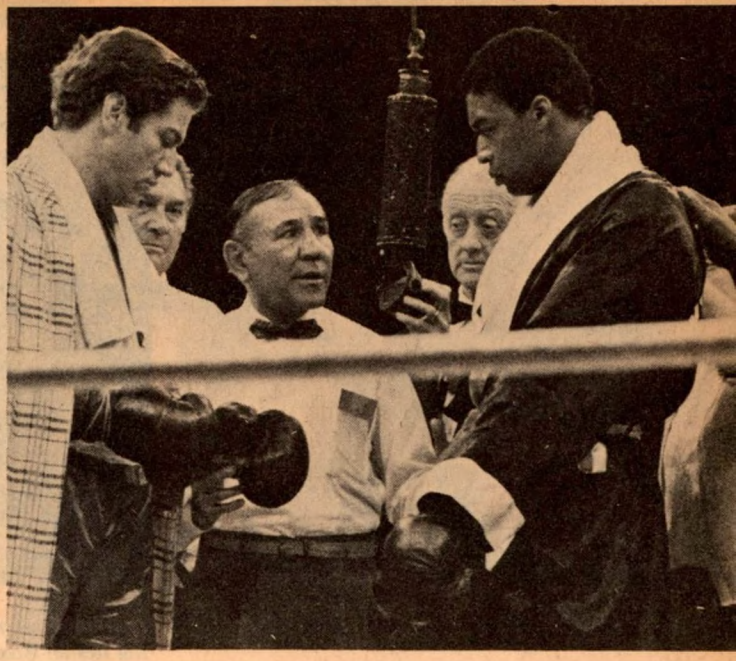
The scene: Yankee Stadium, June 19, 1936. The time: Now. The locale: Stage 15 at 20th Century-Fox Studios in Los Angeles. The Max Schmeling knockout of Joe Louis in the 12th round of their first fight is being reenacted by actors Bernie Casey and Stephen Macht for the upcoming NBC-TV movie, "Rehearsal For Armageddon." Later they re-stage the June 22, 1938, rematch, when Louis destroyed the German heavyweight in less than a round.

But the fast-paced two hour film is not essentially a fight story. It is a gut level examination of the times—the turbulent, emotional period preceding World War II. The thoroughly researched drama shows how mounting world tension engulfed the two professional athletes by falsely labeling them as opposing symbols of the ideological conflict between Democracy and Fascism.

Casey, the onetime pass-catcher for the Rams and the 49ers, stars as the puzzled young Joe Louis, a black man suddenly idolized by an exploitive society. Macht, a New York actor, stars as the older, wiser Schmeling who abhors the deadly demagoguery



(Right) The cast and crew get ready to shoot a scene. (Above) Swastika flags are waved as Joe Louis (Bernie Casey) walks down the aisle, preceded by John Roxborough (Percy Rodrigues) and Chappie Blackburn (Julius Harris) for the June 22, 1938, fight with Schemling depicted in the film.



(Above) Franklin D. Roosevelt (Stephen Roberts) comes to Louis' training camp to wish him luck. (Right) The fighters are given their instructions before the much ballyhooed fight.

that is sweeping his country, but tries to remain aloof.

"Rehearsal For Armageddon," a powerful film, scrutinizes the wave of Nazi propaganda that hailed Schmeling as the "proof of Aryan supremacy," the effects of inflammatory journalism, and manipulation of the fighters spurred by rising public indignation.

To impart authenticity to the fight sequences, executive producer Sheldon A. Saltman and producer Lou Morheim enlisted the aid of several members of the Los Angeles boxing fraternity. Veteran announcer Jimmy Lennon introduced the "fighters." George Latka, onetime lightweight contender and longtime California referee, was the arbiter of the filmed bouts. Clay Hodges, former A.A.U. heavyweight champion, portrayed James Braddock, the champion at the time.

But to stuntman and ex-boxer Sonny Shields went the task of conditioning the actors and training them to pass for ring pros.

Casey, the ex-pro footballer and onetime collegiate hurdler, is a natural southpaw. But the 6-4, 215-pound athlete was easily converted to Louis' orthodox style. "He's strong and can move even at 38," puffed Shields after a brisk workout with the big man. "I wish I'd had him 20 years ago," wistfully added the stuntman, who trains and manages his own son, junior welterweight contender Randy Shields.

Sonny, who prepared Nick Nolte for his fighter's role in "Rich Man, Poor Man" and Sylvester Stallone for his memorable performance in "Rocky," had to work much harder with Macht, a non-athlete.

Stephen, a skilled actor, is just 6 feet tall and weighed 180 two weeks before the film went into production. Shields put him on a high protein diet and a rigid weightlifting regimen, as well as rope skipping, boxing and roadwork for a total of six hours a day. Macht and Casey also studied films of the two Louis-Schmeling fights. And to cap his effort, Shields, with a matching wig and makeup, doubled for Macht in long shots.

By the time he stepped into the ring, Macht weighed 192 pounds and had added inches to his chest and biceps. Lifts inside his boxing shoes boosted him to 6-2. "This," sighed the actor as he viewed himself in a full length mirror, "must be Instant Macho."

Robert Michael Lewis, who directed "Guilty Or Innocent: The Sam Sheppard Murder Case" and "The Night They Took Miss Beautiful" for NBC-TV, made good use of a hand held camera to give more credence to the fight scenes.

Both Casey and Macht give polished, sensitive performances in accomplishing their meaty roles. Also starring are Denise Nicholas as Louis' beautiful former wife, model-designer Marva Trotter, and Swedish star Britt Ekland as the glamorous Mrs. Schmeling, Czech acress Anny Ondra.

Larry Forrester, the Scottish-born writer who structured "Tora! Tora! Tora!," the dispassionate look at the Pearl Harbor attack from both points of view, gave similar treatment to Fox-TV's "Rehearsal For Armageddon."

He spoke at length to Louis, 63, now a public relations figure at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, and gleaned much from two hours of taped interviews with Schmeling, 74, a soft drink bottler in Germany.

Older fight fans will recognize other characters in the script from the Glory Days of boxing. They include Joe (Yussel) Jacobs, Schmeling's colorful, cigar-chewing manager, who gave such gems to our lexicon as "We Wuz Robbed" and "I Shoulda Stood In Bed" (portrayed by Mordecai Lawner); sportswriters Damon Runyon (Allen Garfield) and Paul Gallico (Joseph Campanella); Louis' "brain trust," John Roxborough (Percy Rodrigues), Julian Black (Mel Stewart) and his loyal trainer, Chappie Blackburn (Julius Harris.) Norm Alden plays Schmeling's German trainer, Max Machon.

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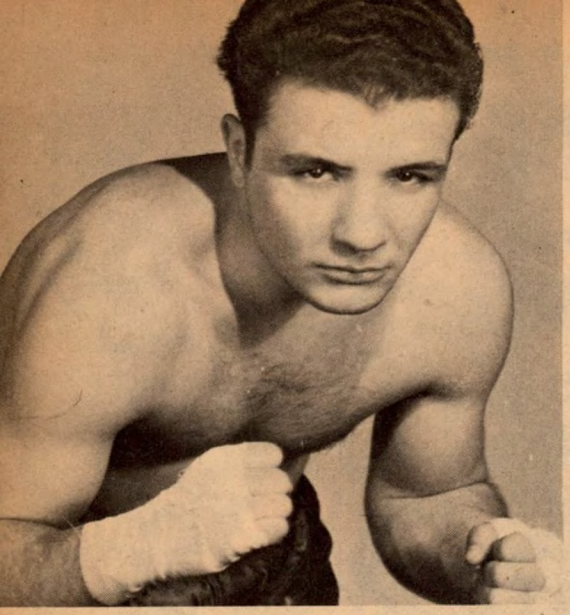
The Stars of "Rehersal for Armageddon" hold a copy of The Ring used in the film. From left to right: Stephen Macht, Britt Ekland, Denise Nicholas and Bernie Casey.



Former middleweight king Jake La Motta.

Ex-heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano, of Brockton, Mass., was inducted into the Italian Boxing Hall of Fame posthumously.

(Above) Former featherweight champ Willie Pep. (Below) Former welter and middleweight champion Carmen Basilio.

Italian-Americans Honor Their Fistic Greats

By HANK KAPLAN

THEY came from the middle Atlantic States and they came from the mid-west. They shuffled off from New England and they arrived from the South. They started to arrive early in the week and to the casual observer, aside from a few misshapen ears and noses, there was little to place them among a special breed of people as they drifted to their point of rendezvous. They could have belonged to any of the honored professions.

Their focal point of assembly was Chicago, once a town steeped in boxing tradition, once a bastion for the production of great fighters, now sadly, less a regular pro boxing show town. Each traveller was part of that same tradition in faraway places. They won fame and fortune in the rings of yesterday but wore no tags as they arrived in the Windy City, however; Press Agent Ben Bentley's wizardry gave them immediate identification.

Chicago was a wet, muggy week heading for a September night scheduled to sponsor one of the most festive boxing shows in recent history. The largest gathering of gifted ringmen were destined to appear under one roof, in one grand ballroom with 2500 pair of eyes ogling the men whose fists wrote much of the ring history over several generations dating back to World War One. The occasion was the initial Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame Awards Banquet.

Each of the arrivals was a member of a narrowing group. Each carried with him two trademarks which will live with him forever. First, he was an American born of Italian parentage. Secondly, each was recognized as a world boxing champion in his respective division, with a couple who enjoyed leadership in two weight classifications. On a given day, in youthhood, by virtue of special achievement inside the ropes, he was told, "Today you have become the greatest prizefighter of your weight class in the world."

Champs from bantams to light-heavyweights were represented. Fidel LaBarba, who belongs in any all-time group for greatness among the flyweights, and Willie LaMorte, Newark flyweight title claimant, were not available for the ceremonies.

First, there was Lou Salica of Brooklyn, New York, who showed signs of future greatness in the amateurs and came through as world champion when he copped the NBA bantamweight championship from Sixto Escobar in 1935 at New York. After dropping a return title duke to Escobar, he persisted in his trade until 1940 when he beat George Pace in a 15 rounder for the New York State Athletic Commission recognition. In the

(Left) Ex-lightweight title holder Tony Canzoneri, seen with trainer Lew Fink, was inducted posthumously. (Right) Italian-American trainer Angelo Dundee was the only non-champion to be inducted.

following year, Salica extended his world title authority when he topped Tommy Forte in a Philadelphia 15 rounder.

Ignacius Pasquali Guiffi is a name hardly identifiable as a world boxing champion but Harry Jeffra of Baltimore is one which conjures up a few memories of the past. Harry not only won the bantamweight championship by beating Sixto Escobar in 1937, but also captured the featherweight title later in 1940, by outscoring Joey Archibald in a 15 round Baltimore duel.

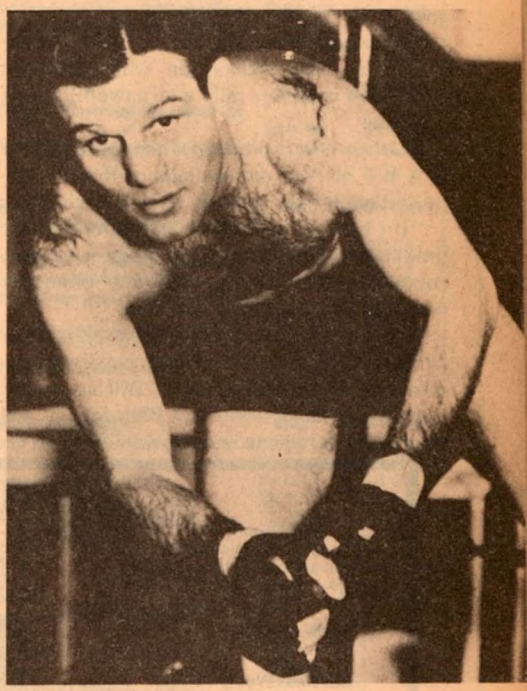
The featherweight division sent more former champs to Chicago than any other weight class. There were five with dual champ, Harry Jeffra included. Willie Pep, who headed the list of well known names among the 126 pounders, was his effervescent self, snappy, bouncy and never at a loss for words. The storied "Will of the Wisp" won his title from Chalky Wright in 1942, and during the course of losing his crown to Sandy Saddler, then re-gaining it, defended the championship successfully on nine occasions. Long recognized as one of the great performers of our age, Willie was the lone delegate from Connecticut.

Tommy Paul, otherwise known as Thomas Paula, of Buffalo, New York, decisioned Johnny Pena in 15 rounds at Detroit to become the NBA featherweight champion on May 26, 1932. In January of the following year, he lost the crown as he dropped a Chicago 10 rounder to Freddie Miller. The congenial Paul missed few of the good scrappers of his day.

Former New Yorker, Petey Scalzo, now residing in Miami, strutted all over Chicago as the "Greek Ambassador." Petey, who reigned as featherweight titleholder during the early forties was a boxing stylist with a bombing right hand.

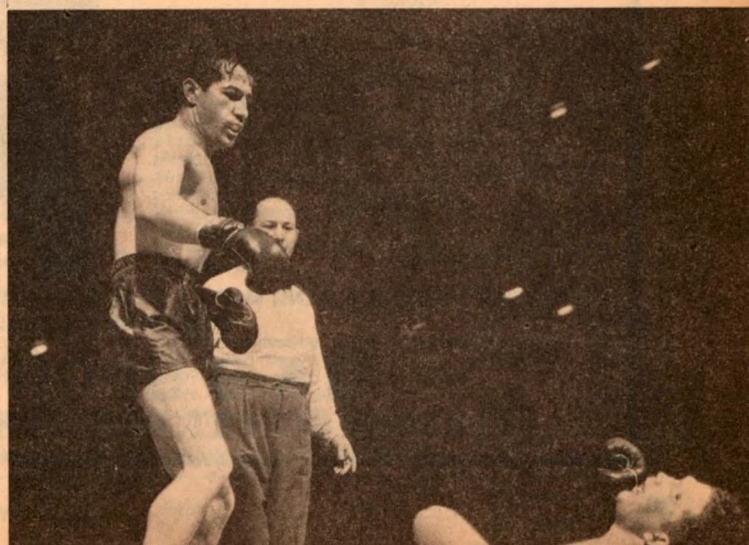
The fifth featherweight champion present was Sal Bartola of Boston. Sal gained the title by virtue of a 15 round decision victory over Phil Terranova at Boston on March 10, 1944. Paying tribute to Sal Bartola was Willie Pep, a three-time opponent, who claimed he ran faster than Sal did.

Ironically, Bat Battalino, who wore the featherweight crown after beating Kid Choclate in 1930, passed on only weeks prior to his Chicago date. Phil Terranova, a wearer of the featherweight crown during 1943, was another New Yorker who was missed. *(Continued on page 39)*



Former lightweight titlist from Massilon, Ohio, Sammy Angott.

(Left) Ex-heavyweight king Primo Carnera was inducted posthumously. (Right) Rocky Graziano, seen watching Freddie Cochrane hit the canvas back in 1945, was the final inductee.



MICKEY HENNESSEY, now Thunder Bay's representative to the Ontario legislature, headed a list of 12 men recently inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame.

MATT FRANKLIN

(Continued from page 21)

12-round elimination bout with undefeated southpaw slugger Marvin Johnson. At stake was the vacant North American Boxing Federation light heavyweight crown.

Johnson, who had won a Bronze Medal at the 1972 Munich Olympics, went into the fray with 15 straight wins, 12 knockout. These impressive credentials earned Marvin a slight edge with the odds makers, but those who had followed Franklin's career knew better than to sell the 22 year old short.

Adjectives fail to describe the brutally intense struggle waged between Franklin and Johnson. Veteran fight scribes said that one would have to look back over 20 years to find a local match as good.

The see-saw battle had reduced both boxers to a state of near exhaustion when Franklin climaxed a desperate rally with a twelfth round knockout.

Matthew is very proud of winning the modest N.A.B.F. belt and of the adulation that the stirring triumph over Johnson have brought him.

"It's hard for me to believe, but for the first time since I started boxing, strangers have been coming up to me on the streets and telling me how much they enjoyed that fight."

Franklin was not content to rest on his laurels. In his next contest, he met hard-pundhing veteran Bill "Dynamite" Douglas. Bill has always been a popular performer in Philadelphia and Matt knew a win over him would boost his stock even more on the fistic market.

After a slow start Franklin and Douglas started to trade bombs at an alarming rate.

Franklin showed amazing courage and resiliency in the fifth when Douglas smashed him to the canvas for a manditory eight-count and then lambasted him along the ropes in one of the most punishing rounds this reporter has ever witnessed.

Douglas' 37-year-old legs started to give way in the sixth, and Matt stormed back with a two fisted attack that prompted referee Hank Cisco to step in and award the local lad a TKO victory.

Cisco received much deserved criticism for not affording Douglas the chance to come back as he had Franklin in the previous round. Never-the-less, the TKO stands and raised Franklin's pro record to 17 wins, three loses and two draws. He has scored 11 knockouts.

Matthew, of course, feels that Cisco made the right decision, but admitted, "I would have been in deep trouble if I had met Douglas in his younger days."

Franklin's ring style is hard to pin down. Sometimes, as in the Gregory match, he is a gifted mover and counter puncher. The reverse can be said of his wars with Johnson and Douglas. In these fights he was pure slugger.

It can be safetly stated that Franklin has the hardest head in Philadelphia boxing since the early days of Bennie Briscoe and Joe Frazier. Whether he continues in his current crowd-pleasing, give and take tactics or reverts to skillful boxing remains to be seen.

Franklin was abandoned as an infant and was given his name by a sister in a Catholic orphanage. Matthew, after Saint Matthew, and Franklin after Ben Franklin of colonial fame.

This early disadvantage in life did not taint Matthew's attitude. He is one of the friendliest and most cheerful boxers that I have had the pleasure to know. Matt has a big smile and a kind word for everyone.

He has been trained from the start by Nick Befiore, and Nick's brother Joe can also be seen working the corner for all of Franklin's bouts.

"He's a good kid but someitmes he gets stubborn and won't listen," bellows the gruff but big hearted Belfiore.

"People don't understand," explains Franklin. "When you're in the ring, you see things those outside the ropes can't see. It's O.K. to say do this or do that, but when your fighting you have to judge for yourself."

Philadelphia needs a new hero. Bennie Briscoe can't top every card. Tyrone Everett is dead. His brother Mike failed in a recent bid for Shengsak Muangsurin's junior welterweight title, while Jimmy Young has priced himself out of the local market.

Matthew Franklin is the man to fill the void.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Waukesha, Wisc. — Tom Tarantino, Milwaukee lightweight (15-12-2) captured a ten round decision over Tony Johnson, 134, Cleveland in the main event.

▲Boxing Notes — Murray McLean, longtime St. Paul manager, matchmaker and author died in St. Paul on November 2nd at the age of 86. McLean had been associated with boxing for at least sixty years. He was also a Minnesota correspondent for Ring Magazine back in the twenties when the magazine was in its infant years.

There are several good heavyweight prospects coming along on the Minnesota scene. Among them are Chuck Gardner (5-0-0) Minneapolis, Rocky McCaleb (4-0-1) Rochester, Pet Holm (2-0-0) St. Paul, Louis Hokanson (1-0-0) Maple Plaine, and Rick Nelson (1-0-0) St. Paul.

Pete Holm appears to have the most potential to scale the heights. Holm is trained by Del Bravo.

In the area amateur program main events — St. Paul-Randy Collins, Minneapolis decisioned Lour Danna, St. Paul 3, welterweights. St. Paul-Pat Marsh, Anoka decisioned Russ Newton, St. Paul 3, lightweights.

The Civic Center Gym in downtown St. Paul is the state's busiest sweat parlor. The gym is run by Del Bravo who is assisted by Tony Holquin. Besides the area's top amateurs the gym plays host to pros Scott LeDoux, Pat O'Connor, Doug Demmings, Clem Tucker, Pete Holm, Jim Beattie, and many others, as well as visiting mittmen.

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Q. A German middleweight, Gerhard Hecht, fought Sugar Ray Robinson when the latter was world middleweight champion. Can you please give me the outcome of that fight?

George Schwartz
Trenton, N.J.

A. The fight was held in Berlin, Germany, on June 24, 1951. Sugar Ray Robinson was disqualified for using kidney blows on Hecht and was the loser on a foul. A riot followed the fight. However, 20 hours later, Robinson was given a clean bill of health by the Berlin Boxing Commission, which reversed the referee's decision to No Decision.

Q. In the Joe Louis-Billy Conn first fight, was Louis ahead on the official scorecards before he flattened Billy?

James Cahn
Bayonne, N.J.

A. Louis knocked Conn out at 2:58 of the 13th round. The scoring had Conn ahead. Judge Monroe had Conn 7, Louis 4 and one round even; Referee Joseph had it tabbed Conn 7, Louis 5; Judge Healy had the fight even, giving each man 6 rounds.

Q. When Floyd Patterson regained the heavyweight crown in 1960, how many times did he knock down heavyweight champ Ingemar Johansson? And who won the Sugar Ray Robinson--Rocky Graziano fight?

Edgar Montaya
Torr., Calif.

A. Floyd had Ingo down twice in the fifth round. A left hook dropped Ingo for the count of nine. Another left hook dropped him flat on his back for the full count. Ingo was out for a full five minutes and had to be assisted from the ring. Patterson became the first heavyweight champion ever to regain the heavyweight title. Ray Robinson knocked out Rocky Graziano in the third round of their world middleweight title in Chicago on April 16, 1952

Q. The late Rocky Marciano retired undefeated. Was he ever floored during his career?

Dan Donovan,
Plainview, N.Y.

A. Marciano was down twice in title bouts. Archie Moore had him on the deck in the second round and Jersey Joe Walcott had him down in the first round.

Q. In heavyweight championships, what was the most times a heavyweight champion or contender hit the deck?

James Murphy
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. The record is held by Floyd Patterson, current acting athletic Commisioner of New York State. Floyd was knocked down once each by Floyd Rademacher, Roy Harris and Tom McNeeley. Sonny Liston floored Patterson once in their first fight and three times in their second meeting. Ingemar floored Floyd seven times in their first fight and three times in their second meeting. In 1965 Muhammad Ali floored him once.

Q, Muhammad Ali, the greatest boxer of all times, was never floored, my friend says. I say he was. What's the answer???

Jim Colby
Kansas City, Mo.

A. Ali, fighting as Cassius Clay before he took his Muhammad name, was dropped four times during his boxing career. He was floored in bouts with Sonny Banks, Henry Cooper, Joe Frazier and once in a title bout with Chuck Wepner.

Q. Who was the first guy to use oxygen in his corner?

James Mython
Deer Park, N.Y.

A. James J. Corbett was the first man to use oxygen. Tommy Ryan administered it to him in 1903 in his fight with Jim Jeffries, in San Francisco, Calif.

Q. Did Battleing Siki ever fight Mike McTigue for the light heavyweight crown? Where did they meet and what was the outcome?

James Tierney
Pelham, N.Y.

A. Yes. They met in Dublin, Ireland, in 1892, won the world light heavyweight championship in the bout which went 20 rounds.Siki was shot to death in a New York City brawl. He was buried in a Flushing, N.Y., cemetery.

Q. I hear a lot about Eugene Crigui of France, one-time featherweight champ of the world. Could you give me a line on the caliber of fighter Criqui was in those days?

Jim Le Blanc
Bronx, N.Y.

A. Criqui was one of the top French performers in the ring. He started his career in 1910 and fought until 1915 at which point he gave up the ring and served in the French Army in World War I. He returned to the ring in 1917 and scored 27 straight victories, eight by KOs, before losing a 10-round decision to Ray Noble in Holborn Stadium. He won the bantamweight title of France with a 17-round win over Billy Matthews on December 7, 1922. The following year, he won the world featherweight crown with a six round kayo of Johnny Kilbane on June 2. In his next title bout on July 26, 1923, he lost the title to Johnny Dundee by decision over 15 rounds in New Youk. His total ring engagements shows 115 bouts. He won 54 decisions, knocked out 40 opponents, drew in 8, lost 11 by decision and was KOd twice.

Q. Wonder if you can give me some information on a fighter named Billy (Honey) Mellody?

Lou Edwards
Denver, Colo.

A. Yes. Billy Mellody, a welterweight, was born on January 15, 1884, in Charlestown, Mass. He fought from 1901 to 1913 and died March 15, 1919. He had a total of 95 professional bouts. Of these, he scored 34 KOs, won 20 by decision, drew in 13 bouts, lost six decisions, lost on a foul once, and was stopped six times. He fought 13 times in no-decision bouts as posted in the Boxing Encyclopedia.

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IN DEFENSE OF DEMPSEY

I'm replying to a letter which appeared in your Punchlines to Dennis Smith of Utah: Mr. Smith, I suggest you go to your local library and check out some old Jack Dempsey films. In your letter, you point out that JD fought at a time of different styles and rules, and then turn right around and point to Dempsey's inability to cope with a "scientific" boxer like Gene Tunney. As you probably know JD had not had a bout in three years and, in their second fight, "scientific" fighter Tunney—from where I was watching (on film) was lying in a prone position counting sheep for almost 22 seconds. You point out that in Dempsey's era, they tolerated hitting on the break, holding, and illegal tactics, etc., I must have missed your point. What you failed to state is that Dempsey's opponents could also use the same tactics. By the way, I saw more holding, holding and hitting, hitting on the break, pushing an opponent from the shoulders down (A la Ali) in the Jimmy Young vs. George Foreman fight than I ever saw in one of Dempsey's fights. You're questioning Jack Dempsey's ability to even be rated among today's Top 10 is not worth replying to—but—I will!

Jason Land
Bakersfield, Calif.

DEMPSEY WAS A TRUE CHAMP

In reply to the "Punch Lines" letter from Dennis Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah, I would like to defend Dempsey's rating on the all time rankings in the world.

Trying to compare Dempsey in physical size to some champions of the more modern era, the big difference would be the weight. I consider that starting with Sonny Liston a new breed of heavyweight boxer appears in the picture, over six feet tall and over 200 pounds in weight. But if you compare Dempsey to Marciano, Patterson, Walcott, Charles, Louis, he's right there with them. Dempsey was over six feet tall and had a reach of 77 inches, those measurements are bigger than the boxers mentioned above.

As to his rustic ringmanship, times have not changed so much. Our champions of nowadays do a little of backslapping, elbowing, holding and hitting and so on. Dempsey did not have a polished boxing style but neither did Marciano, Patterson, Frazier and Foreman. Dempsey did have devastating power in both hands and there is no doubt that in his prime he could go the distance. He also faced challengers bigger and heavier than him. The time between his title defenses are not much different than today's. Rocky Marciano defended his title six times in his four year reign, the same goes with Patterson. But maybe Dempsey as well as Marciano could not find many contenders that were willing to fight for the title. It is true that Dempsey never did defend his title against Harry Wills but there is a story behind that, (see Ring Magazine May 1965).

In conclusion, not only was Dempsey a true champion but he was also liked by the people. Over 100,000 fans went to see him in a title defense and this was not only once. Dempsey was a champ that gave everything he had in the ring. In his days a fighter with a polished style was something new, so you can't compare styles of that era to our present times it would just be unfair to match them. And lastly Mr. Smith, if the neutral corner and the mandatory eight count and the three knockdown rules would have been in effect earlier, probably Jack Dempsey would have changed history in being the first heavyweight to regain his well deserved crown. Thank you very much.

Francis C. Namerow
Rio Piedras, P.R.

TOWARD EQUALITY IN BOXING FOR WOMEN

In the early part of 1977 women were granted the legal right in California to become professional boxers.

This was supposed to be another milestone in equal rights for the minority sex, but I say it is a step in the right direction but the law as it is worded still discriminates against women as professional boxers.

As it stands now women can only box 4 rounds at two minutes each. This law restricts the amount of money women can make as professional boxers compared to men.

For a 4 round fight a woman will get on the average $300.00 and after paying her manager and trainer she ends up with around $200.00. If she fights once a month, the $200.00 will not even pay house rent.

Men can box 10 rounds for normal fights and 12 to 15 for Championship fights. For these 10 rounders they receive on the average $1,000.00 to $5,000.00 and if they fight a Championship fight they receive many thousands and even millions.

Boxing promoters may use women boxers one time because of the novelty of seeing two women flailing gloves at each other, but after that it's not economical for them to use us again. The reason why is that California law requires promoters to have a minimum of 26 rounds of professional boxing on each boxing show and it is more profitable to put in 10 rounders and 6 rounders than use a 4 rounder.

We are working towards there soon being ratings and world championships for women boxers but with the current law of women only fighting 4 rounds it will keep this from happening.

We realize the 4 round law was made for our protection and we take other precautions like wearing leather breast protectors but this same protecting law is unfairly violating our civil rights of equality on par with men.

Most of us women fighters have families to support. I personally have 2 children to support and with the current 4 round law the amount of money I could make is seriously impaired.

My feeling on this is that women have come a long way since being allowed equal rights to vote and I feel professional boxing for women is no more undignified for women than women softball, basketball, tennis, swimming, bowling and the other sports. I wonder what professional men ballet dancers feel like?

What I am specifically calling for is for people to take the initiative to voice your concern to your state legislators to see what they can do to write a new law allowing women to box at least 10 rounds to 15 rounds so we can also make a living at this profession, too, and not have to skim by on a meager existence of $200.00 a month net on 4 round fights if we are lucky to even get this.

I don't know what results we can expect, but I do know if our state Senators are inundated with a petition for equal rights for women boxers to fight more than 4 rounds, that is a step in the right direction.

Many boxing fans would be surprised

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the RING camera clicks

Greg Page, Louisville, Ky., takes one on the chin from Cuba's Angel Milan, right, in the second round of their three round heavyweight bout at the U.S.-Cuba boxing meet in Houston, Texas. Milan won the fight.

When fourth ranked bantamweight Sean O'Grady steps into the ring his staunchest supporters are the members of his family, from left to right: Rosie, Sean, Jean, Pat and Colleen.

Sports commentator Howard Cosell has a word with Sugar Ray Leonard after his sixth round knockout victory over Estrada on the Norton-Young undercard.

BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER

▲Merida, Yucatan — Miguel Canto, 112, decisioned Martin Vargas, 111, of Chile, in 15 rounds to retain his world flyweight championship. Canto was an easy winner, but it was not a brisk battle. Adelaido Galindo, 113, won an unpopular decision from Freddy "Riel" Hernandez, 111, of Colombia, in 10; Freddy Castillo, 113, TKO'd Wilbert Canche, 113, in three; Lupe Madera, 110, won by a disqualification over Matias Marin, 110, in 4, Vicente Pool, 120, bested Humberto Lara, 119, in 10; Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 113, whipped Alex Parra, 113, in four.

▲Reynosa, Tamaulipas — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 111, TKO'd Jose Luis Cruz, 112, in the eleventh round to retain Mexican flyweight title. Sergio Lozano, 154, halted Juan Cabrera, 153, in 2; Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 130, stopped Hector "Toluco" Munoz, 129, in 3.

▲Motul, Yucatan — Ranulfo Cano. 111, defeated William Vera, 111, in 8.

▲Salina Cruz, Oaxaca — Jose Figueroa, 148, embalmed Pedro "Dinamita" Martinez, 146, in two.

▲Tenosique — Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 126, bested Paulino Canche, 123, in 10; Francisco Adame, 125, kayoed Eduardo "Conejo" Briceno, 123, in 3.

▲Culiacan, Sinaloa — Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 135, gained a decision over Cesar Savinon, 134, of Dominican Republic, in ten.

▲Celaya, Guanajuato — Ricardo Martinez, 124, outpointed Roberto Villasana, 124, in 10.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Lupe Hernandez, 112, bested Carlos Gomez, 111, in 10; Jaime Nava, 134, whipped Nacho Ortiz, 133, in ten.

▲Mexico City — Antonio Balderas, 125, TKO'd Gustavo Salgado, 124, in two; Francisco Manzo, 125, TKO'd Jose Pozos, 124, in one; Ramon Segundo, 118, TKO'd Jorge Ramirez, 117, in four; Tomas Cuellar, 111, bested Ricardo Lira, 110, in 6; Pedro Vallejo, 115, decisioned Noe Lugo, 114, in four.

▲Ciudad Del Carmen, Campeche — Rodolfo "Fosforito" Torres, 131, and Lupe Morales, 134, drew in 10.

▲Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas — Mario Roman, 138, halted Onorio Pena, 137, in 4.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Abdull Bey, 124, of USA, knocked out Juan Escobar, 124, in 3.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Emilio "Zurdo" Palacios, 120, outscored Julio Rodriguez, 119, in 10; Andres Serrano, 123, TKO'd Jaime Jimenez, 123, in 4.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Enrique Muniz, 118, iced Felipe Garcia, 117, in 1; David Escobedo, 117, TKO'd Lupe Garcia, 118, in two.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Jose "Raton" Gonzalez, 111, beat Alfredo Martinez, 112, in ten; Juan Ramirez, 115, TKO'd Mauricio Mosqueda, 116, in 8.

▲Mexico City — Jose "Arana" Mendez, 134, TKO'd Pablo "Ciceron" Rodriguez, 134, in five; Jesus Ramirez, 136, KO'd Chay Montes, 133, in three; Jose Luis Tapia, 134, kayoed Juan Hernandez, 135, in two; Emilio Martinez, 117, beat Ruben Melendez, 116, in six. Jorge de Jesus, 110, TKO'd Lupe Alvarez, 110, in four.

▲Cancun, Quintana Roo — Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 112, outpointed Alex Parra, 112, in 10; Roman Acosta, 109, whipped William Vera, 111, in ten; Jose "Chino" Misael, 139, TKO'd Joaquin "Zurdo" Rodriguez, 137, in five; "Relampago" Escalante, 117, won over Artemio Alonso, 117, in 6; Victor Medina, 110, beat "Chamaco" Mora, 110, in four.

▲Mexico City — Jose Figueroa, 143, TKO'd Abel Cordoba, 147, in 3; Justo Garcia, 119, TKO'd Daniel Felizardo, 122, in three; Pablo Ramirez, 125, decisioned Ubaldo Torres, 126, in 8· Juan Manuel Hernandez, 116, won by a disqualification over Jorge Ramirez, 117, in two; Jesus Sanchez, lost to Demetrio Vega, 121, in four.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Rafael "Pollo" Lopez, 132, and Celso Limon, 134, drew in 10; Salvador "Negro" Torres, 125, embalmed Rosario Gonzalez, 124, in five.

▲Mexico City — Jose "Toluco" Diaz, 125, put Delfino Mendoza, 124, to sleep in two; Federico Carreno, 121, TKO'd Jose Chavez, 121, in six; Juan Garcia, 125, TKO'd Juan Jimenez, 124, in four. David Garcia, 119, TKO'd Memo Chapa, 120, in one; Gerardo Avilez, 118, TKO'd Pedro Lopez, 118, in 3.

▲Ciudad Obregon, Sonora — Young Casanova (Hector Medina), 117, nailed Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 116, in four; Ariel Fabela, 123, bombed Amador Ayon, 117, in one.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Goyo Iracheta, 134, decisioned Chucho Salcedo, 135, in ten; Bruno Parra, 125, TKO'd Jose Luis Parra, 125, in two.

▲Celaya, Guanajuato — Celestino Molina, 124, stopped Rene Frias, 125, in two; Artemio Lopez, 135, defeated Hector Zaragoza, 136, in eight.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Leo Cruz, 135, TKO'd Rodrigo Ortiz, 134, in three; Mario Simon, 126, embalmed Miguel Angel Hernandez, 127, in five. Balam Torres, 111, halted Abel Vargas, 113, in 4.

▲Pachuca, Hidalgo — Gil Barcenas, 125, knocked out Armando Ramos, 125, in four; Castulo Hernandez, 124, iced Juan Martinez, 125, in the first round; Noel Huicochea, 125, destroyed Cruz Valdez, 125, in 5.

▲Motul, Yucatan — Veteran Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, bested Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 111, in 8.

▲Mexico City — Ney Gordillo, 127, decisioned Jose Sanchez, 127, in 10; Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 131, TKO'd Ruben Garcia, 125, in five; Alfredo Nunez, 144, outscored Claro Guzman, 146, in 8; Fedencio "Pajarito" Gonzalez, 125, and Manuel Ferrer, 125, drew in 6; Roberto Madrid, 114, bested Elias Sanchez, 115, in four.

▲Tenosique — Luis Enrique Garcia, 113, polished off "Tigre" Dominguez, 113, in one.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Ernesto Garfias, 135, embalmed Jose Luis Solano, 134, in 8; Gilberto Rodriguez, 125, TKO'd Tony Perez, 124, in four.

▲Mexico City — Benjamin Abarca, 125, outpointed Arturo Sanchez, 124, in ten; Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, nailed Francisco Gonzalez, 112, in 3; Alejandro Lopez, 124, decisioned Nacho Rivera, 123, in 8; Jorge Guzman, 111, TKO'd Jaime Islas, 111, in two; Manny Rios, 110, and Pepe Osuna, 110, drew in four.

▲Mexico City — Marcos Geraldo, 158, polished off Emeterio Villaneuva, 158, in the second round, to become Mexican middleweight champion. Fulgencio Obel, 160, of Venezuela, stopped Jesus Garza Ortiz, 150, in six. Mario Dorantes, 146, TKO'd Moises Sore, 146, in six. Armando "Palito" Perez, 112, TKO'd Carmelo "Duende" Lopez, 113, in four. Pedro Moreno, 113, and Lorenzo Garcia, 114, drew in four.

▲Motul, Yucatan — Artemio Alonso, 118, halted Ernesto "Baby" Amaya, 117, in four. Panchito Ake, 118, bested Paulino May, 117, in four.

▲Progreso, Yucatan — Guadalupe Perez, 147, decisioned "Superman" Rodriguez, 146, in six. Manuel Cetina, 125, whipped "Chamaco" Ramirez, 125, in four.

▲Mexico City — Antonio Evelar, 112, defeated Jose Sosa, 112, in ten. Francisco Manzo, 125, TKO'd Mando Vega, 125, in five. Roberto Ramirez, 116, TKO'd Teo Gonzalez, 116, in three. Sabino Cabral, 113, TKO'd Nabor Santiago, 113, in three. Beto Diaz, 116, iced Jorge Medina, 116, in one.

▲Motul, Yucatan — Ranulfo Cano, 112, TKO'd Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, in three. Zorrita de Motul, 116, TKO'd Jose "Papion" Sandoval, 117, in two, Guadalupe Perez, 146, destroyed Panchito Vazquez, 146, in one.

▲Piedras Negras, Coahuila — Eliseo Cosme, 118, kayoed Joel Valdez, 118, in five.

▲Reynosa, Tamaulipas — Jose Luis Baltazar, 147, and Celso Olivas, 148, drew in ten. "Toro" Melendez, 116, outpointed Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 116, in ten.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Ernesto Herrera, 126, embalmed Antonio Balderas, 125, in two. Carlos Martinez, 146, beat Jose Luis Escalante, 147, in ten.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Freddy Polanco, 111, KO'd Jose Luis Valencia, 112, in five. Andres Cisneros, 133, TKO'd Juan Negrete, 134, in four. Victor Banos, 125, TKO'd Francisco Sanchez, 125, in four.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Manny Garcia, 119, nailed Antonio Rodriguez, 118, in two. Eduardo Mercado, 118, decisioned Hilario Castillo, 118, in ten.

▲Celaya, Guanajuato — Pedro Tellez, 120, TKO'd Jose Ponce, 120, in three. Raul Lemus, 134, demolished Marcos Espinosa, 137, in four.

▲Progreso, Yucatan — Chamaco Pacheco, 142, bested Alex Chacon, 140, in six. Jose Luis Noh, 113, TKO'd Kid Venado, 112, in three.

▲Mexico City — Antonio Nava, 127, decisioned Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 127, in ten. Mario Gatica, 107, TKO'd Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 107, in two. Zenon Cosme, 118, lost to Raul Reyes, 119, in eight. Jose Luis Plata, 112, won from Agustin "Kimba" Palacios, 111, in six. Jose Luis Medel, 119, TKO'd Felipe Azamar, 118, in four.

▲Cancun, Quintana Roo — Wilbert Canche, 112, gained Guillermo Mis, 112, in ten. Eduardo "Lalo" Medina, 118, TKO'd Angel "Duende" Flores, 117, in five. Jose Misael, 134, bombed Beto Gongora, 135, in the very first round. Ruben Carballo, 113, TKO'd "Relampago" Escalante, 115, in five.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Manuel "Topo-Gigio" Vazquez, 116, won over Paco Ponce, 117, in ten.

▲Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas — Aurelio Muniz, 133, won by disqualification over Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 131, in six.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Freddy Martinez, 111, kayoed Serafin Pacheco, 112, in three. Carlos Gomez, 111, KO'd Martin Acevedo, 112, in three.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Adan Echeverria, 146, put Francisco Ramirez, 144, to sleep in one. Chamaco Garcia, 118, TKO'd Agustin Macias, 117, in seven.

▲Ciudad Obregon, Sonora — Rafael Pena, 116, stopped Martin "Buchanan" Garcia, 117, in eight. Antonio Arcos, 125, halted Al Torres, 124, in three. Jose Herrera, 111, nailed Carlos Gomez, 111, in four. Javier Mendoza, 111, and Joaquin Rodriguez, 110, drew in ten. Erasmo Mendez, 158, TKO'd Bernardo Marron, 159, in three.

▲Mexico City — Memo Ayala, 116, gained Lalo Cuadros, 116, in ten. Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, iced Alfonso Aguilar, 111, in one. Dario Quintas, 145, TKO'd Miguel Aceves, 146, in two. Rodolfo Morales, 116, TKO'd Mauro Gonzalez, 116, in four. Arturo Gonzalez, 110, TKO'd Jose Rosalio, 110, in three.

▲Progreso, Yucatan — Chamaco Pacheco, 144, whipped Panterita Nunez, 142, in six.

▲Poza Rica, Veracruz — Sixto Castillo, 125, stopped Alberto "Casanovita" Mendez, 124, in three. Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 123, beat "Jarochito" Hernandez, 124, in ten.

▲Ciudad Del Carmen, Campeche — Jorge Perez, 109, outscored "Pajarito" Cruz, 110, in ten. "Canelo" Cruz, 110, TKO'd Apolinar "Mulato" Morales, 112, in eight. Kid Carmelita, 117, TKO'd "Chamaco" Estrella, 118, in three.

▲Mexico City — Justo Garcia, 121, TKO'd Pedro Martinez, 120, in five. Arturo Guzman, 134, iced Jorge Villarino, 134, in one. Jorge Ramirez, 114, bested Raul Rico, 115, in eight. Jose Cordoba, 124, and Anselmo Martinez, 124, drew in six. Candido Tellez, 114, demolished Bernardo Avalos, 115, in one.

▲Progreso, Yucatan — Juan Chable, 118, decisioned Luis Hernandez, 119, in six. Roberto Llanes, 117, beat Germinal Velazquez, 118, in four.

▲Motul, Yucatan — Luis "Puma" Fuentes, 125, TKO'd Francisco Adame, 126, in six. Zorrita de Motul, 125, won by a disqualification over Silverio Cob, 125, in five. "Pajarito" May, 112, lost to Francisco Ake, 112, in four.

▲Poza Rica, Veracruz — Memo Miranda, 121, TKO'd David Madrid, 121, in eight. Juan "Toluquito" Hernandez, 125, TKO'd Hilario Gonzalez, 125, in seven.

▲Salina Cruz, Oaxaca — Jose Aviles, 119, defeated Candido Sandoval, 120, in ten.

▲Lazaro Cardenas, Michoacan — Camilo Ibarra, 121, kayoed Jose Iturbide, 120, in three.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Freddy "Riel" Hernandez, 112, of Colombia, TKO'd Alejandro Garcia, 112, in six. Jose Parga, 134, stopped Chucho Plata, 134, in six. Agustin Rocha, 124, halted Francisco de la Rosa, 125, in three.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Jose "Loba" Ramirez, 111, TKO'd Luis Carlos Heredia, 113, in six, Primitivo Espinosa, 117, TKO'd Lino Casillas, 117, in six.

▲Celaya, Guanajuato — Raul Lemus, 135, nailed Jesus Nieto, 135, in three. Salvador Garcia, 171, TKO'd Pedro Macias, 169, in two.

▲Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas — "Chilango" Pacheco, 122, outpointed Romeo Anaya, 121, in ten. Fabian Palma, 118, and Juan Valdez, 118, drew in ten.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Manuel Fierro, 174, kayoed Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 175, in seven. David "Maceton" Cabrera, 175, TKO'd Ruben Rivera, 174, in four.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Juan Elizondo, 134, beat Chucho Salcedo, 134, in ten. Juan Graziano, 134, bombed Candelario de la Cruz, 135, in one. Eipidio Valdez, 133, embalmed Tono Llamas, 134, in eight.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 121, stopped Magallo Hernandez, 121, in four. Rafael Perez, 124, demolished Eugenio Villa, 124, in five. Hermelindo Estrada, 135, put Martin Gomez, 135, to sleep in the very first round.

▲Champoton, Campeche — "Dinamita" Delgado II, 118, beat Frank Hernandez, 118, in ten. Kid Garrobo, 116, whipped Baby Nube, 117, in eight.

▲Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche — Panterita III, 137, TKO'd Rodolfo "Fosforito" Torres, 136, in nine. Alejandro Salvano, 123, KO'd "Mono" Lara, 121, in two. "Zurdo" Hernandez, 116, halted Gallito del Ring, 115, in two.

▲Cancun, Quintana Roo — Francisco Figueroa, 117, stopped Eduardo Robledo, 118, in six. Roman Acosta, 109, defeated Manuel Avila, 111, in ten. Ricardo Peralta, 125, kayoed Memo Gamboa, 125, in two. Victor Medina, 111, beat Kid Valente, 112, in six.

▲Motul, Yucatan — Laureano Pool, 136, knocked out Guadalupe Perez, 140, in five.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Ignacio "Negro" Campos, 134, bested Juan Pablo Oropeza, 135, in ten. Gilberto Rodriguez, 124, KO'd Jose Rosario Gonzalez, 124, in three. "Cachorro" Hernandez, 112, TKO'd Angel Felix, 112, in four.

▲Mexico City — Juan "Monito" Diaz, 112, TKO'd Arturo Uruzquieta, 111, in four. Ricardo Varela, 112, decisioned Manuel Luna, 112, in ten. Fidencio Gonzales, 125, TKO'd Pablo Marquez, 124, in eight. Marcelo Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Esteban Cuadros, 118, in one. Nico Martinez, 117, TKO'd Ramiro Martinez, 118, in one.

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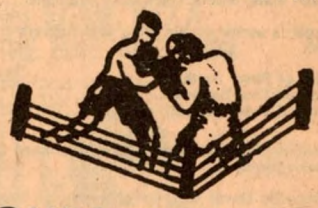

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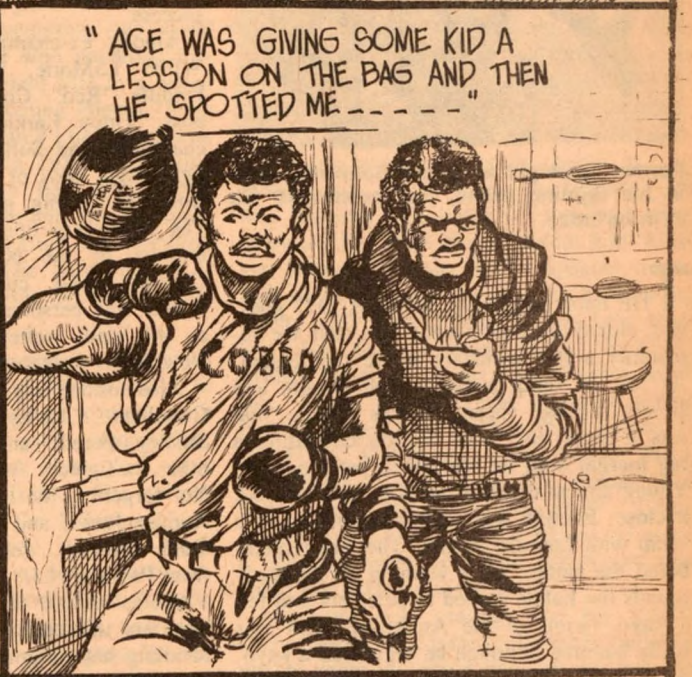
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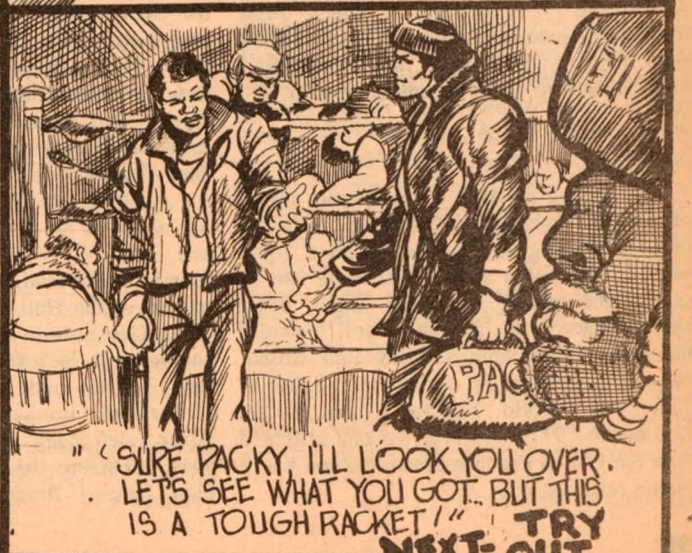
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Former flyweight king Izzy Schwartz, seen in his fighting prime, just celebrated his 77th birthday.

THE book on boxing, as far as 1977 goes, was closed several months ago, but we remember a few incidents we've overlooked. As for the scrap between Ken Norton and Jimmy Young, staged in Las Vegas, that was a close one, with Norton compiling a big margin until he seemed to peter out and Young almost catching up with him to make it close. Enough was written about Quarry's scrap with Lorenzo Zanon. The less remembered the better. After winning all the early rounds the Italian started to peter out and fell a kayo victim to the American, who was badly battered although he registered a kayo. As for the eight rounder, in which Sugar Ray Leonard stopped Augustin Estrada in the sixth round, Sugar is good, but he still has a long distance to go to become a kingpin.

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The passing of Allie Clark, former police officer and manager of boxers, including popular Ludwig Lightburne, a good lightweight, came as a shock. The same can be said of the passing of Champ Segal, boxer and manager, who, among others, managed the late bantam king Charley Phil Rosenberg. Bob Stewart, 57, former sport editor of New York World Telegram, was another casualty in 1977. Bob later became affiliated with the United Press International and was a public relations man.

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That was quite a party given by the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame commemorating their fifth annual dinner, held at the Town and Campus, in West Orange, N.J., at which the new inductees were Frankie Carlton, Harry Carlton, Paul Cortlyn, Andy Barry, Jack Gross, Bobby Hamilton, Midget Herman, Ed Kinley, Joe O'Gatty, Willie Skidmore and Ad Cazhow. It was a huge success.

Among ex-champions on the dais were Willie LaMorte, former flyweight king; Freddie 'Red' Cochrane, ex-welterweight boss; Tippy Larkin, ex-junior lightweight champion, and Solly Seeman, former junior lightweight boss of California. Many others from the boxing game were also present. The affair was operated by Adrian Bailey, founder of the N.J. Hall of Fame and Charley Spino, current head, as well as former ring personalities like Emil Calcagni, an Al Weill welterweight star and now a New Jersey judge out of Patterson, N. J.

Also former ring stars Joe Borrell, Rocky Castellani, Charley Fusari, Bucky Jones, Stanley Poreda and Joey Harrison, were other ex-fighters from New Jersey present. Not forgetting the late Jersey Jones' widow, Audrey Jones, and not overlooking our pal Odin Dudrich, former middleweight star from Passaic, N.J.

Special salute to M.C. Mario J. Centi, secretary treasurer, who turned in a fine job handling his assignment. Also our thanks to the SIBO gang, members of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 in Brooklyn, Sonny Early, Paddy DeAngelo, a fighter in the early thirties, and Michael Spinelli, known as Young Reo, who were my transportation from Brooklyn to the scene of the activity at West Orange.

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Jack McFarland, Elizabeth N.J., welter, present at the Hall of Fame dinner, and his wife, Gert, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Jack fought them all including Lew Tendler and Harry Martone. One of McFarland's brothers, Doc Conrad, also a boxer, met many of the light heavyweight stars, including the late heavyweight champion, James J. Braddock.

Speaking of Freddie 'Red' Cochrane, former welterweight king, who is now 62, and his wife, Loretta; they are the parents of two daughters, Nancy and Ellen Jean. Cochrane, managed by Willie Gilzenbwrg, who now is in the wrestling business and doing very well, is now a liquor salesman for Flagstead.

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Don't tell us baseball and boxing don't rub off on each other . . . Ran into one time big leaguer, Gene Hermanski, one time National League outfielder star with the Dodgers, now sales representative with the Motor Express, Gene was with the Dodgers in the world series in 1947 and 1949 and was also in the Navy, being stationed at Floyd Bennett Field.

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Billy McNeece, one time middleweight star from Long Island managed by Irving Cohen, who had 38 pro fights in 1958, is now behind his son Tommy, who is boxing as a light heavyweight and reported to be a pretty good prospect. Billy believes his son will go a long ways as a pro.

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A popular spot for former pro fighters is George & Sid's, located at 2175 Ralph Avenue, in Brooklyn. Two time bantam king Lou Saalica, and former middleweight star Harold Green, from Brooklyn, who met Rocky Graziano and others in gruelling scraps, are among their pals. They like to visit with the bosses and with their good friend Moe Kessler, freinds of the old time boxers, as well as Manager Nat Gelman. They are fine hosts.

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Joe Visalli, well known cut man in the boxing game, who was affiliated for years with the late Dewey Fragetta, is still plying his trade and looking after the business of pro boxers looking for a good cut man. He is rated tops.

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ITALIAN-AMERICANS HONOR THEIR FISTIC GREATS

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Three lightweight champions made the trek to Chicago. Scrappy Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn, New York, was a star of the television era during the fifties. He won his title by outpointing Jimmy Carter (not the peanut farmer) in 15 rounds at New York in 1954, then lost it to his former victim that same year.

Sammy Angott, whose ring feats include the upsetting of Willie Pep's incredible victory skien, first gained recognition as lightweight champion with his triumph over Davey Day in a 1940 Louisville 15 rounder for the NBA title. Later, in 1941, Sammy received wider recognition when he scored a 15 round duke over Lew Jenkins in New York City. At every opportunity during the Chicago festival, Willie Pep pointed to Angott as the fighter who derailed his potential 134 bout streak without a loss.

Louis D'Ambrosio, whose speed and unorthodoxy, won for him the soubriquet of "The Herkimer Hurricane." In ring togs he was known as Lou Ambers, now a resident of Phoenix. Lou won his title from Tony Canzoneri in 1936, defended it a couple of times before losing the crown to Henry Armstrong. In a second attempt at the diadem, Lou removed it from the head of "Hammerin' Henry." In looking back, one can easily appreciate the talents of Lou Ambers who took his titles away from two of boxing's greatest ever.

The junior welterweight division showed up with one champion in the form of Tippy Larkin, really Tony Pilleteri, of Garfield, New Jersey. Tippy was a dazzling boxer who won the re-activated title in 1946 against Willie Joyce in Boston. He was successful in his only defense of the title the same year in New York before the division found a sanctuary for 13 years when Carlos Ortiz became its first crownbearer in 1959.

Of the welterweight champions, Tony DeMarco and Carmen Basilio, dual titlist, made their presences felt. Tony, born Leonard Liotta, boxed out of Boston and won his title from Johnny Sacton in 1955. Demarco, who now operates a thriving cafe in Phoenix, gained lasting popularity in his two stunning title contests with Carmen Basilio during 1955.

Young Corbett, 111, nee Ralph Capabianca Giordano, a product of Resno, California, who acquired his welterweight title in 1933, then made much headway as a middleweight, was not well enough to make the journey. Carmen Basilio, another former welterweight champion, will be treated among the middleweights.

Conspicuous among the 160 pound champions was John Panica, who made the world sit up and take notice back in 1920, as Johnny Wilson, when he dethroned Mike O'Dowd in Boston. He held the title for three years before giving it up to the legendary Harry Greb. Approaching his 85th year, Johnny Wilson was the oldest former champion in Chicago and was overheard asking Jake LaMotta if he wanted some action.

"The Bronx Bull," Jake LaMotta, arrived with a gleam in his eye. A proposed movie of his boxing career entitled "Jake" with Robert DeNiro playing the lead was on the drawing board. Never off his feet in a thirteen year career against the toughest hombres of his time, LaMotta gained the middleweight title in a rough brawl with Marcel Cerdan 1949, then losing it to six-time opponent Sugar Ray Robinson in 1951.

Brooklyn born Carmine Orlando Tilelli began his ring career in 1948 as Joey Giardello. His formula from scratch, was to allow no opponent to get by until the precious tiara, emblamatic of world leadership, graced his head. In a stormy 20 year career, Joey fought every middleweight of note on an international level until he won the title from Dick Tiger in Atlantic City at the tail end of 1963. The record book justifies Joey's accession to the popular division's title.

One of the most popular fighters who ever lived, Carmen Basilio, gave the sport everything he had while acquiring two world titles in the process. He won universal recognition of the welterweight title in a bruising battle against the reigning champ, Tony DeMarco, then lost the same title and re-won it from Johnny Saxton in 1956. That same year, Carmen gave his best effort with Angelo Dundee in his corner, and captured the middleweight crown from the immortal Sugar Ray Robinson. The New Yorker is currently involved with the physical education of youth.

The three light heavyweight champions who adorned the dais on awards night in Chicago had overlapping careers. In chronological order of title acquisition, Melio Bettina, of Beacon, New York, was also the most unrecognizable. The former rugged banger who won the 175 pound title in an elimination tourney in New York against "Tiger" Jack Fox during 1939, as conducted by the New York State Athletic Commission, is somewhat portly now and mild mannered, signs of years gone by. He was an imposing ring figure inside the ropes.

The average fan would hardly recognize the name of Guiseppe Antonio Berardinelli but as the practising ring scientist he was, Joey Maxim, an arrival from Las Vegas, was recalled by Chicago visitors as the durable competitor many had seen in action. Joey suffered a setback in his initial challenge for the title against Gus Lesnevich in 1949, but in London, the following year, pulled one out of his bag of tricks with a knockout over Freddie Mills to bring the light heavyweight crown back to America. Before losing the title in 1952 to Archie Moore, Joey took a stab at heavyweight honors against Ezzard Charles.

The vibrant personality of Willie Pastrano still holds even if his blinding speed is no longer with him. As if the end of a dynasty, Willie Pastrano is one of the most recent of Italian-American world champions, as well as the youngest. After years of fighting the problem of scales and forced to campaign among heavyweights, the New Orleans "Will of the Wisp" fought the fight of his life against Harold Johnson in 1963 at Las Vegas to become king of the light heavyweights. Willie defended a couple of times before dropping his title to Jose Torres in 1965.

Nineteen former world champions of the ring were welcomed with open arms into the hearts of Chicagoans at this first Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame Awards Banquet. 2500 friends of boxing shared the grand ballroom—a hall filled with emotion and memories. How did it all come about and who was responsible for this rare event?

The concept of the "Hall" really had its beginning years ago when a seven year old Chicago sports buff named Georgie Randazzo took on the habit of collecting sports memorabilia at sporting events to which he accompanied his Father. On many occasions, Papa Randazzo was tired and weary after a days work but rarely faltered in his encouragement of Georgie's sports crave. The growing Georgie soon pegged boxing as his favorite sports activity and became a specialized collector.

Going through High School and still aiming at specialization, Georgie began to concentrate on Italian-American fighters. He was learning that some of the great ring operators like Paul Doyle, Eddie Kid Whalen, Midget Wolgast, Willie Spencer, Little Jack Sharkey, Peter Herman, Rocky Kansas, Young Zuly Kid, Young Fisher, Lew Hurley, Joe Grim, Steve "Kid" Sullivan, Bushey Graham, Johnny Farr, Frankie Wallace, Petey Hayes, Gene Delmont, Nick Palmer, Hugo Kelly, Kid Murphy, "Fireman" Jim Flynn, Kid Beebe, Terry Young, Frankie Conley, Eddie Shea, Vic Moran, Jim Barry, Joe Malone, "Canonball" Eddie Martin, Petey Mack and Pal Moran, to name a handfull, were of Italian origin and one could not judge by name alone.

Randazzo was cutting into his school study time as he covered mileage in building up his photo collection and delving into the history of Italian-American contributions to boxing history. A sore point was developing; people were forgetting the fighters of another age like Caspar Leon, Benny Yanger, Jimmy Kelly, Joe Wagner, Al Delmont, Benny Coster, Packy and Jimmy O'Gatty and Jimmy Murray. "These were the kind of fighters who helped to shape the history of the ring and had an influence on the style of American prizefighters for generations ahead. Their memories should linger on." These were the thoughts of Randazzo as he vowed to perpetuate their memory and deeds.

Years went by and George was in the process of putting together an album containing all the photos of great Italian-American

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UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
2—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.
4—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
5—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
6—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
7—Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
8—Randy Stephens, Dalls, Texas
9—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
10—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
11—Johnny Boudreaux, Houston, Texas
12—Joe Alexander, Newark, N.J.
13—Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
14—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Mike Rossman, Turnesville, N.J.
2—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
3—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
4—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
5—Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
6—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
10—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
11—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
12—Danny Brewer, Chicago, Ill.
13—Matt Ross, Billercia, Mass.
14—Eddie Davis, Brooklyn, N.Y.
15—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
2—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
3—Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
4—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
7—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
8—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
9—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
10—Casey Gacic, Cleveland, Ohio
11—Ray Dale, Cincinnati, Ohio
12—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
13—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
14—Milton Owens, Orlando, Fla.
15—Greg McPherson, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
2—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
3—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
4—Ray Phillips, Houston, Texas
5—Ralph Palladin, Baltimore, Md.
6—Jackie Smith, Boston, Mass.
7—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
8—Gary Guiden, Muncie, Ind.
9—Joey Vincent, Orlando, Fla.
10—Ken Bristol, New York, N.Y.
11—Mike Baker, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
12—Rocky Mosley Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.
13—Miguel Hernandez, New York, N.Y.
14—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
15—Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
2—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
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*Title Vacant
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2—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
3—Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Jimmy Heair, San Antonio, Texas
5—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
6—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
8—Rick Folstad, Minneapolis, Minn.
9—Sugar Ray Leonard, Baltimore, Md.
10—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
11—Larry Stanton, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.
12—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
13—Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
14—Johnny Lira, Las Vegas, Nev.
15—Curtis Ramsey, Portland, Ore.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Andrew Ganigan, Honolulu, Hawaii
3—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
4—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
5—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
6—Greg Coverson, Seattle, Wash.
7—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
8—Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
9—Luke Erwin, Jersey City, N.J.
10—Johnny Sullivan, Kearny, N.J.
11—Howard Davis, New York, N.Y.
12—Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa.
13—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
14—Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
15—Tommy Rose, Sherborn, Mass.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
3—Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
7—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
8—Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
10—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
11—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Bill Pearish, Joplin, Mo.
13—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
14—Alex Alatore, San Carlos, Calif.
15—Steve Dement, Bossier City, La.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

*Title Vacant

1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
3—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
4—Richard Rozelle, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—Jimmy Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
6—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
7—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
9—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
10—Albert Collazo, Cleveland, Ohio
11—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
12—Gaby Cantrera, San Antonio, Texas
13—Ricky Gutierrez, San Antonio, Texas
14—Reynaldo Zaragoza, Stockton, Calif.
15—Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

*Title Vacant

1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
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14—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
15—Sergio Reyes, Laredo, Texas

FLYWEIGHTS

*Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.

1—Alberto Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
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4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
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9—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Mike Start, Los Angeles, Calif.

FISTIC ACTION IN WEST AFRICA

By TRIGO HARRISON IBN EGBEGI

In, perhaps, the greatest night of professional boxing in Nigeria the national light welter title changed hands. Sensational Razak Kid Fujah became the new holder via an upset split nod over Tony Andeh over 15 rounds. It was a magnificent display of boxing to which the capacity crowd reciprocated by tossing in noggins.

It was the nature of the fight that was spectacular, not the decision. At the end of the contest the loser and this reporter were both speechless. I spoke to Tony a few days before the fight. Said Tony, "I regard this Fujah contest as warm-up before taking on Hector Thompson for the Commonwealth Crown" (Hector himself is now an ex-champ). Fujah made the warm-up a very hot potato.

Kid Fujah took the second and third cantos in grand style. In the second he dropped the ex-champ who jumped up immediately, taking the mandatory eight count prancing and smiling. In round three a double-fisted attack had Tony on the ropes, where, with a look of surprise rather than hurt, he remained and invited the Kid to hit him if he dared. Fujah, no coward, willingly obliged. And what a rally!

Andeh returned the favour in the fourth hammering the Kid all over the ring. The ex-champion demonstrated his entire repertoire of defensive skills in the fifth stanza. He danced, swayed backward and forward and sideways, parried, bobbed and weaved with a hands-crossed style that had the winner missing badly. It was beautiful. The Kid was again in trouble in round seven. At this stage it was obvious that Fujah was greatly handicapped by his opponent's extraordinarily long reach, and was sitting duck for straight jabs and crosses.

The fight see-sawed thereafter. Andeh was again rocked, staggered and sprawled on the ropes in the ninth. But two rounds later the Kid tasted the full onslaught of Tony's offensive. He emerged from this round in a daze.

Both boxers coasted the twelfth. The bout finally swung in Fujah's favour from the thirteenth. The loser's punches lost steam, whereas the Kid's famed left jab beat a steady tattoo on Andeh's wet skull and face. Fujah's guard had now become tighter and the few feeble blows of the loser were all expertly blocked. The final seconds of the fight saw the ex-champ reeling.

It was indeed a brilliant contest. In the opinion of this reporter Fujah did not beat Tony Andeh. Tony lost the fight. The ex-champion had the opportunity to take charge but whenever the chance came Tony allowed his sense of showmanship get the better of him. The Kid on the other hand made up for his lack of finesse with an effort borne out of sheer determination. A rematch will certainly pack them in.

The semifinal was a lulu. Tommy Dunn may be the best lightweight prospect in the U.K. But he will tell you he's never met a boxer like Hogan Jimoh before. The Nigerian Southpaw literally choked, hugged, bulldozed and slapped him to defeat in six rounds. The Ten round contest was halted in the sixth when the loser's corner felt their man had had enough of Hogan's bulldozering tactics. Four times in the opening two rounds Dunn was forced to take the mandatory eight count. It was a nightmare of a fight for the Briton as slap after slap kept coming at him from all sides.

Slapsie Jimoh is gradually making a reputation for beating foreign boxers. First it was Spaniard Julio Rubio who after boxing well for five rounds got kayoed by the heat. Next came Ireland's Ray Ross. He too got kayoed in four by the heat.

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WORLD RATINGS

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Lightweights Andrew Ganigan and Vicente Saldivar both won and move up from three and four, to two and three. Viruet, inactive, falls to four from two.

In Jr. lightweight action, Frankie Baltazar scored two wins last month, defeating Jorge Ramos and Claude Durdan, and moves up to five, while Walter Seeley goes up to four with his win over Dick Tratzinski. Rafael Limon holds on to three with a win over Ray Saldivar. Chacon drops from four to eight, having lost to Arturo Leon, now seven.

Lupe Pintor, Mexico, gets back into the bantam top ten with a kayo victory over Baby Kid Chocolate. He replaces Raul Tirada, who lost his last time out. Pintor also beat Tony Rocha in the past month.

Late Flash-South African heavyweight Gerry Coetzee moves into the ten spot with a kayo win over Johnny Boudreax.

Jesse Burnett's victory over Lonnie Bennett moves him back into the ten spot in the light heavies. Bunny Johnson, who lost in his last outing, comes out.

Marvin Hagler takes over the number one spot in the middles with his 12 round TKO over former number one man Mike Colbert. Colbert falls to two.

W.B.C. junior middle king Rocky Mattioli moves up to the fourth spot with a win.

John Stracey, England, inactive, comes out of the welters, as does Johnny Gant, who lost to an unranked boxer. Everaldo Azvedo, Argentina, drew with Billy Backus to move to nine.

Joe Kimuani moves up one with a win over Justice Ortiz in the Jr. welters.

Wins in the feathers by Richard Rozelle and Mike Ayala, bring them to eight and seven, respectively. Spain's Manuel Masso moves into the ninth spot with a victory over Pedro Jiminez, who drops to ten.

Jorge Lujan, Panama, won the world bantam title, kayoing Alfonso Zamora in ten. Zamora falls to three.

Franco Udella of Italy replaces Lujan in the flyweight division. He's number ten.

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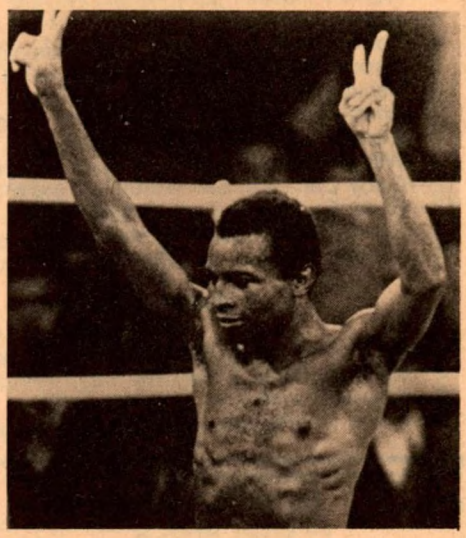
Estaba Retains Title For Eleventh Time



CARACAS, VENEZUELA—W.B.C. junior flyweight king Luis Estaba won a points victory over Thailand's Netornoi Vorasingh, over 15 rounds.

This was the champs 11th title defense since he won the title from Rafael Lobera, in Caracas, on September 13, 1975.

Luis fractured his right hand in this hard fought and tough contest. He was admitted to the hospital in Caracas a month after the fight for treatment. He expects to be fit for his next defense against Freddy Castillo.

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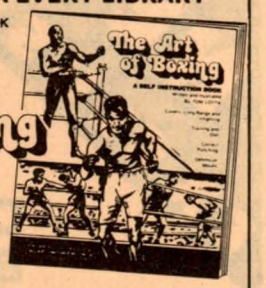

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

Former heavyweight contender Buddy Baer, seen in his fighting prime, was honored recently in San Francisco.

THE Bay Area—San Francisco and Oakland—seems to be getting nothing but testimonial dinners—no fistic action of any consequence of late. Big dinners honoring former heavyweight contender BUDDY BAER—who boxed JOE LOUIS and other top notchers in his hey-day—and YOUNG JOE ROCHE a pretty good bantamweight contender 53 years ago. He once defeated LOU SALICA. Among the notables on hand was JOE HERMAN, who co-owned the NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM in Frisco along with BILLY NEWMAN. ROCHE was the recipient of numerous awards. One, from The Society For California Boxing, was presented by attorney LEO FRIED, himself an ex-boxer . . . . The big draw in Sacramento is young PETER RANZANY, BABE GRIFFIN, at the promotional helm, had RANZANY with RANDY SHIELDS, and they did $45,000. If RANZANY ever did fight a top contender they would have to go outdoors, the kid can sell ducats, and that, my good friends, is the name of this game . . . .RUBEN CASTILLO is struggling to get wins. His outing with so-so, MIQUEL MEZA on a MICKEY DAVIES card in Palm Springs, California, displayed his inadequacies. He was hard pressed, had to go the entire 10 rounds, after an absence of over 20 years—down at DeLand, Florida—assisted by JACK NOLAN. They are fast accumulating a stable of top talent in the southland. They are welcomed back to the fight beat . . . .After the middleweight muddle is settled, could it be possible that invincible CARLOS MONZON, who reigned for so long, will return and take back his title??? JEAN MATEO, the exciting Basque middleweight, is now driving a diesel truck at Farmington, California. It is possible that he will return to ring action under the guidance of his old mentor FRANK DOBALES, who said, "I'll be at the gym whenever you feel like it." MATEO replied, "I'll see you," so now we are waiting. MATEO was a pretty good middleweight prior to a stint in the French Army. He would be a welcome addition to west coast rings . . . .TONY LICATA, former top ranked middleweight, says he never felt better after serious back surgery. He feels he can make it all the back—he'll bear watching . . . . VINCENTE HERNANDEZ and HARVEY ARNOLD, as well as all prelim performers, received bum checks from promoter AL SPEIKERMAN for their recent shootout at Ketchum, Idaho. The attendance for the first boxing in years there was 77 paid. They had a $50 top! The Idaho attorney-general's office has attached local plumber SPEIKERMAN'S property—a rather auspicious start as a boxing promoter . . . . JOE HERMAN, San Francisco boxing manager, caught the limit of three striped bass in forty five minutes in San Francisco Bay—all between five and ten pounds . . . . JACKIE GRIFFIN, who boxed former lightweight champ LEW JENKINS when LEW was a beginner at Dallas, is still an active guy—JACKIE works part-time for the Lone Star Natural Gas Co., which supplies gas to most parts of Oklahoma. He is in security and toils on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift. LEW JENKINS now resides in Concord, California, with his wife, LUPIE . . . . JIMMY HEAIR, who suffered a broken nose in training and had to postpone his bout with JOHNNY COPELAND, is now ready to go again. HEAIR seems to have regained some of the fire of old—he has looked very impressive in recent ring appearances after having a number of managerial problems and other ailments . . . . LOU VISCUSI has some outstanding talent in his stable at Tampa, among them JOHN PINNEY, a 24-year-old middleweight who shows great promise, and WALTER WHITE, a light heavyweight with wins over ANDY KENDALL and BOBBY LLOYD. He also fought great ten rounders with the late RODNEY BOBICK, MIKE QUARRY and JOE ROMAN. JOE BRADY is still handling the gym for VISCUSI as he has done for years. BRADY recently had a slight stroke, which left him 100 percent deaf in his left ear—henceforth that's the ear he'll reserve for the fighters who try to put the bite on him for money . . . . BRUCE TRAMPLER, who was taught the game by ANGELO DUNDEE, has done a wonderful job for PETE ASHLOCK at Orlando and could be in line for bigger things. He can make the matches, knows the business and is young and ambitious. We wish him well. TRAMPLER is one of the most knowledgeable guys around . . . . CHUCK BRUHL, a former boxer himself, one of the top A.A.U. officials in Northern California (he referees on many of the small amateur cards) is doing a fine job worthy of a mention here. His friend GEORGE RICKS sends along the word. They are developing fistic talent for the future in Northern California . . . . MOE FLEISCHER is back from a jaunt to Copenhagen—in good shape at Miami Beach, and ANGELO DUNDEE is still moving around with reckless abandon. DUNDEE was in Dallas for the JOHNNY BOUDREAUX—RANDY STEPHENS heavyweight fight, then on to Pheonix, Arizona, for his fighter DAVID LOVE'S encounter with EDGAR "BAD-NEWS" WALLACE, then a run to Las Vegas for SUGAR RAY LEONARD'S shootout with AUGUSTIN ESTRADA. This guy really gets around. ANGIE'S heavyweight LEE CANALITO is going to be in a movie with SYLVESTER STALLONE (ROCKY). The name of the flick is PARADISE ALLEY. EDDIE GRIFFIN is cracking the promotional beat at the Exposition Building in Portland, Maine. EDDIE had 1207 on hand for a show there recently with IRISH BEAU JAYNES (yes, he's still around) and WILSON BELL "on top." He had four pro bouts and two amateur outings to make up his card. The late, great SAM SILVERMAN operated there for years, and always made money at Portland . . . .EDGAR "MAD-DOG" ROSS is a sophomore majoring in physical education. It's something that he can look forward to after his ring career is over . . . smart boy . . . . In his initial promotional effort at Dallas, PAUL PERCIFIELD fared a bit better than he expected—he lost only $1,027—a paid gate of 1,806 (including a good turnout in the ringside section) paid $13,863—his total expenses were $14,900. He had JOHNNY BOUDREAUX and RANDY STEPHENS on top.

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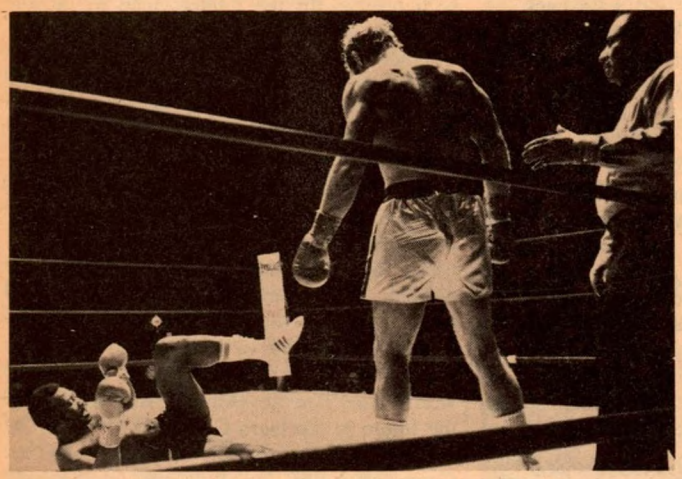
IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

Sandoval Does It Again



(Above left) Tommy Evans decks Stan Johnson in the fourth round of their heavyweight bout at Concord, California. Johnson was halted in the fourth round. (Above right) Middleweights Terry Allen and Juan Villa mix it up in the course of their Concord bout.

CONCORD — Tommy Evans, a protege of veteran Dick Saddler, stopped Seattle's Stan Johnson in the fourth round of their main event bout at the Pavilion.

This was the first fight promotion ever here and some hard work by promoter Tom Conroy paid off with 2,000 folks paying $11,000.

Evans, from Richmond, weighed 182½; Johnson, 177½. Tommy now has a 11-2-1 mark.

▲OROVILLE — A State middleweight title bout between George Cooper of Oakland and Los Angeles' Rudy Robles ended up all even after 12 hard fought rounds.

Other results: Terry Allen, 126, Oakland, decisioned Jesse Hernandez, 128½, Richmond, (5); Vic Martinez, 149, Oakland, won a KO over Lee Oliver, 152, Oakland, (1); Jose Resendez, 121½, Mexico, decisioned Daryl (Pee Man) Jones, 117, Los Angeles, (5).

The gate was $4,336, which was encouraging considering there has been no boxing action in the Oroville area for years.

▲STOCKTON — Alvaro (Indian Yaqui) Lopez pounded out an impressive fourth round knockout over Chuck Warfield of Chicago in the main event at Civic Auditorium.

Lopez, a top ranking light heavy contender, floored Warfield three times. He ended the bout at 43 seconds of the fourth with a straight right hand to the chin.

Referee Mario Duchinni counted out the Midwestern boxer.

The gate of $11,219, more than pleased promoter Al Nunes.

Lopez weighed 178½, Warfield, 176.

Other results: Daryl (Pee Man) Jones, 118, Los Angeles, decisioned Tony Fernandez, 118, San Carlos, (6); Juan Villa, 128, Sacramento, won a KO over Tony Sanchez, 130, Sacramento, (3); Alfred Lorona, 147, Fresno, decisioned Curtis Lewis, 148, Los Angeles, (6).

▲SAN DIEGO — In a bitterly fought, but brief battle, promising Ignacio (Negro) Campos, 138, Tijuana, knocked out Jose Luis Castro, 138¾, National City, in the second round of a scheduled ten.

Tom (Spud) Murphy, 127¾, popular local Irishman, decisioned Miguel Ruiz, 130½, Tijuana, in the six round semifinal.

Other results: Eric Bonilla, 138½, San Diego, drew with Bill Matthis, 137, San Diego, (4); Bert Lee, 145½, San Diego, KO'd Tiny Turner, 141, (4); Robbie Bryant, 231, Huntington Beach, and Elliott Bryant, 229, National City, went to a technical draw, (1).

The gate was a modest $2,314.

▲EUREKA — After a lengthy hiatus, professional boxing returned to this coastal city with a three bout program.

King David Smith, 179, Los Angeles, shaded Indian Junior Albers, 169, Eureka, in the 10 round feature event.

Other results: Budda Brooks, 181, Los Angeles, decisioned Gary Gahn, 181, San Francisco, (6); Curtis Lewis, 149, Oakland, took a KO over John Pinedo, 148, Modesto, (1).

The gate was $4,750, a slight profit maker.

▲FRESNO — Three "live" bouts were presented in conjunction with the closed circuit telecast of the Carlos Zarate-Danilo Batista WBC bantamweight title contest at the Warner Theatre.

Victor Martinez, 146½, Fresno, decisioned Bert Lee, 150, San Diego, (6); Russell Pope, 157, Fresno, scored a fourth round KO over Glen Tomlin, 166, Fresno; Joe Maldonado, 146, Fresno, decisioned Kenny Sheppard, 148, Oakland, (4).

The gate hit a smash, $12,470.

▲SAN DIEGO — Ignacio (Negro) Campos, 135, Tijuana, breezed to a 10 round decision over Roman Contreras, 134½, El Salvador, in the main event at the Coliseum.

A slim turnout of 990 paid $2,800.50.

Other results: Tommy (Spud) Murphy, 125¾, San Diego, made his 10 round bow, decisioning Sammy Meza, 130, Tijuana; Elliott Bryant, 225, San Diego, decisioned Paul Murray, 217½, San Diego, (4); Irish Bert Lee, 150, San Diego, decisioned Gil Valdez, 146, Tijuana, (4).

▲LOS ANGELES — Freddie (Sanford) Gonzalez, 115¼, newest find of comedian Redd Foxx, was an easy and impressive knockout winner over Charlie Jaiaut, 117½, Thailand, in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Gonzalez, formerly from Mexicali, Mexico, but now residing in Los Angeles, finished the former kick-boxer with a left hook to the chin.

In a second 10-rounder, Francisco Flores, 127, San Fernando, took a split decision over Johnny Jensen, 126½, Los Angeles. In two previous meetings, they battled to draws.

Other results: Gonzalo Alvarado, 137, Los Angeles, won a KO over Lupe Samaniega, 137, Mexico, (2); Enrique Silva, 150½, East Los Angeles, decisioned Miguel Larnderos, 147, Mexico, (5); Eduardo Plata, 118½, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Villegas, 114½, Montebello, (5); Rocky Fukimoto, 137½, Tokyo, decisioned Ron Turner, 137, Los Angeles, (5).

▲LOS ANGELES — Sharp hitting Alex Oregel of Mexico City had an easy chore when he was sent against veteran Memin Vega of Guadalajara in the top ten at the Olympic Auditorium.

A bombing left hook dropped Vega just seconds after the third round got under way. He was sitting on his haunches as referee Marty Denkin started to count, but managed to stagger to his feet.

At this point, Vega was wobbly and Denkin stepped in and raised Alex's hand in victory. Weights: Oregel, 126; Vega, 127½. It was the winner's 23rd win against five setbacks.

In another 10-rounder, Mike Stuart, 114½, Los Angeles, was awarded a third round knockout over Raul Ochoa, 116, Michoacan, Mexico. The close fight was stopped after Stuart opened a cut over Ochoa's left eye.

Other results: Eduardo Plata, 118, Los Angeles, decisioned Dave Vasquez, 120, East Los Angeles, (5); Shoji Kambara, 113½, Tokyo, decisioned Santos Nunez, 114½, Mexico, (6); Roy Hollis, 156½, Los Angeles, decisioned Art Roddy, 157, Los Angeles, (6).

The gate was $4,385.

▲LOS ANGELES — After six rounds of frustration, Gonzalo Montellano, 134½, finally caught up with Vicente Hernandez, 136, Oakland, scoring a knockout in the sixth round at the Olympic Auditorium.

Montellano, a 20-year-old from Mexicali, Mexico, was handing out a one-sided pasting to Hernandez, when referee Larry Rozadilla decided the scheduled ten had gone far enough.

The win was 12 straight for Gonzalo against no losses.

Another ten failed to go the route, when Ernesto Rios, 119, Los Angeles, halted Tito Arzate, 116, Mexico, at 2:07 of the fourth round.

Other bouts: Jesus Fernandez, 126½, Los Angeles, decisioned Valentin Holquin, 126½, East Los Angeles, (5); Rocky Fukimoto, 136, Tokyo, KO'd Jose Mora, 134½, Los Angeles, (1).

▲LOS ANGELES — It was their first meeting, and it took Albert (The Superfly) Sandoval five rounds to do the job.

In a second go-around, Sandoval, 115½, Pomona, needed just four rounds to finish off Catalino Flores, 118, Manila, P.I., at the Olympic Auditorium.

The classy youngster now has 23 consecutive wins without a loss and it was his 16th knockout.

In the other scheduled ten, Frankie Baltazar, 131¼, Los Angeles, knocked out Claude Durden, 132, Southwest L.A., at 2:36 of the seventh round.

Other results: Jose Villegas, 116½, Mexico, KO'd Joel Valdez, 118, Los Angeles, (2); Joey Sandoval, 125½, Pomona, decisioned Sal Gonzales, 128½, Los Angeles, (5); Jesus Fernandez, 126½, Mexico won a KO over Horacio Pintado, 126½, Los Angeles, (1).

▲ANAHEIM — A new promotional group, "Three Star Promotions," made their boxing debut with an all star card, headed by bantamweight contender, Sean O'Grady of Oklahoma City.

O'Grady, who is ranked as a bantam, weighed 128 pounds, which makes him a junior lightweight!

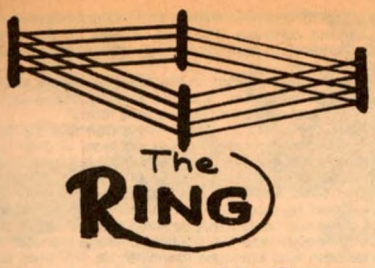
The 19-year-old Irishman was unable to floor game Jose Olivares, 13o, Mexico, who was a late afternoon replacement for Billy Pearish of Missouri, who failed his pre fight physical.

Sean was declared the winner because of a bad cut over his right eye. O'Grady was well in front and upped his record to 52-1 with 46 knockouts.

In other scheduled 10-rounders, Abdul Bey, 126¾, Los Angeles, knocked out Rodolfo Moreno, 130, El Paso, in the fifth; Miguel Meza, 127½, Los Angeles, decisioned Beto Nunez, 126½, Tuscon, (10); Modesto Concepcion, 140, Dominican Republic, decisioned Johnny Copeland, 138½, Joplin, Mo., (10).

Moses Armas, 133¾, Managua, Nicaragua, decisioned Dave Portillo, 136, Los Angeles, (4).

Mickey Davies handled the matchmaking duties for the new organization, which is the brain-child of Downey businessman, Paul Edwards. The crowd was less than two thousand and the gate, $14,155.



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OLD BROADWAY

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An event overlooked in the final phase of 1977 was the 77th birthday party given by Ring #8 to their former flyweight champion, Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, who was a former president of the outfit. Schwartz has always been a popular one among the fight gang. Many of the veterans, some of whom battled the little Corporal, were out to make it an affair to be remembered. A salute to President Al Reid for the tribute given to a former great ring king and a little gentleman.

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Before we forget it, a salute also to the friends of Arnold 'Ossie' Feldman, pal of Boxing Commissioner Frank Morris, and many others, including the Ring gang, who turned out for his latest birthday at popular Colony Restaurant, on 7th Avenue & 34th Street.

Feldman, a real boxing buff, was tendered a little warm gathering attended by his wife Sylvia, Ossie's pal Sid Winters, also from the dress business. Also enjoying the affair, which was great, were Dr. Edwin Campbell, of the State Athletic Commission; Syd Martin; Coley Wallace, the Joe Louis' double; Leonard DelGenio, ex-stablemate of the late Tony Canzoneri, who fills a musical engagement there nightly, and his boss Sol Shaw, and his son, Barry, who does a great job taking photos of all events. Ossie didn't know a thing about it until he was escorted into the Colony. To say the least, it was great.

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Lou Jallos, who was a great little fighter out of Cleveland, Ohio, and then moved to Detroit, Mich., where he was affiliated with the Athletic Commission, has moved to Florida. Jallos, a very popular young man, is now living at 12760 Indian Rocks Road. Apartment Home #1043. Atlantis, Fla. He's not far now from the Ring's pal Dan Daniel, now retired.

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Maybe you knew it or didn't. Al Roth, now 64, retired and now living with his wife, Mildred, at 1350-15 St., Fort Lee, N.J., 07024. Formerly lived in San Francisco after he left New York. Roth, a native New Yorker, will always be remembered for his fifteen round thriller with the late Tony Canzoneri in the 50th St. Madison Square Garden.

Before he left New York little Al at one time was a newspaperman and associated with the now gone Long Island Press as a district manager. Al also resembled the late Max Baer and was often called his double, although they varied in size. They caused lots of comment when they were both in N.Y. Maxie Baer, the heavyweight king, and dynamic Roth, who made a great stand in his lightweight title match with Tony Canzoneri.

Footnote. Roth would like to be contacted with anyone who has a motion picture of his fight with Tony Canzoneri, which was a thriller.

● NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA ●

By RAY MITCHELL

When Mundine (175) knocked out Brewer (173) in the seventh round in Brisbane, after dominating the fight all the way, such phrases as: "Tony Mundine blazed back into world title contention"; "Mundine's fading reputation was fully restored by this performance"; "A dejected Brewer admitted it was his first knockout defeat" were actually published in a Brisbane newspaper.

It was sheer unadulterated bulldust.

Sure, Mundine looked good. Why wouldn't he? He was opposed to someone of considerable less ability than the Australian—and Mundine against such opposition is dynamite.

But Brewer's first KO defeat? By my records, it was Mr. Brewer's eighth knockout defeat in 23 bouts. Maybe my records are not complete. He said he had 26 fights before meeting Mundine, so perhaps he has suffered more than eight KO defeats.

In an eight-round support to the Mundine-Brewer affair rising welter Neil Pattel, 143, was fed an easy one in Jack Delaney, 140. Pattel won by KO in the third round.

▲At Marrickville R.S.L. Club—Wally Carr took the Australian junior-middleweight crown from the brow of John Layton with a clear points decision over 12 rounds, but here we strike another anomaly in a month of weird events. Carr was announced at 154¾, Layton at 154 and six ounces!

Investigation revealed the startling fact that the respective trainers of the two contestants believed that the weight limit of junior-middleweight was 156 pounds! Layton's manager is Ern McQuillan who also manages Mundine. He has been around the fight game for more than 50 years, yet he said the limit was 156 pounds! John McColl, also no newcomer to boxing, who trains Carr, agreed!

If Carr and Layton scaled over the true limit, then the fight was a non-title affair. However, we quizzed the police sergeant who supervised the weighing in of the boxers. "What did the boxers wear for the weigh-in?" we queried. "Boots and boxing trunks," said the sergeant.

So, had they stripped naked they would not have shifted the needle at 154. Therefore it was a legitimate title fight. But for trainers and managers not to know the weight limits is something for Ripley.

In an eight-round semi to Carr-Layton, Benny Tabua of Fiji who wants to make his permanent home in Australia, outpointed New Zealander Steve Ayerst. Tabua scaled 152, Ayerst 147.

It has been left to Australian Binky Rominski to counter an Ali move! You know that one of Ali where the champ presses his opponent's head down with his arms. Binky came across that in Surabaya, Indonesia, on October 16, and Binky did not like it. So he did something about it.

The opposition was Juan Jose Jiminez, Argentinian who says he is the brother of Carlos Gimenez. Juan Jose, ranking WBC junior welter, imitated a number of Muhammad Ali moves, and Rominski, who holds the junior-welter championship of the Australian State of New South Wales, got the impression that Jiminez was treating him with disdain so when Jiminez did the head-press bit, Binky placed his own gloved hands on Jiminez's waist and pulled down the Argentinian's trunks!

Now why haven't Ali's opponents thought of that one?

The referee did not approve. He warned Rominski.

In the sixth round Jiminez pinned Rominski's arms to his side. Binky spun him around and Jiminez's head finished through the ropes. Rominski then placed his knee against Jiminez's backside to help him through!

The referee disqualified Rominski.

Later Rominski and Jiminez became good friends, with the Argentinian being Binky's constant companion for the remainder of the Aussie's stay in Indonesia.

There were two more tens on the bill. Leading contender for the Australian lightweight title, Barry Michael, easily outpointed Freddie Ramschie in one, while in the other Australian middleweight Jimmy Gillon was halted in the eighth round by Rudy Siregar. A cut eye brought the stoppage but Siregar was in charge, decking the Aussie three times. In fairness to Gillon, he was adversely affected by smallpox vaccination. Siregar previously had been outpointed by Australian Wally Carr (five weeks earlier).

▲Kingsford — Leroy King, 148, knocked out Buddy Nixon, 147, in the third round. Three weeks later (Nov. 2), King, 147, met Mark Barnett, 143, for the vacant N.S.W. State welter title at Cammeray, but a cut eye forced King out of the bout at the end of the second round.

▲Police Boys Club, Dubbo (N.S.W.) — Benny Tabua, 147, knocked out Buddy Nixon, 146½, in the seventh round. Billed for 10. In an 8-round support Alex Vella, 172, knocked out comebacking Danny Keegan, 176, in the third.

▲Papua New Guinea — Tony Aba won the P.N.G. welter title by outpointing Martin Beni over 10. Venue was Boroko. Date: Oct. 20.

Eddie Buttons, 148½, found comebacking Colin Cassidy, 149, a handful in their ten at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, Oct. 25. Result was a split draw. Good fight that received a shower of coins from ringsiders.

▲Two weeks later at the same venue — Al Gattling, 173, knocked out Reno Zurik, 175, in the 9th round of a scheduled 10. The bout was billed for the vacant N.S.W. State light-heavy title. Gattling held that crown at one time but lost it in 1976 to Joe Vella. Joe has been overseas for a few months, hence the billing in the Gattling-Zurik contest.

▲Taren Point Youth Club — New referee Garry Dean struck a difficult situation for his debut as third man. He refereed a middleweight bout between Benny Holt and Sam Wickman, each 160. Scheduled for ten rounds, it ended in the third when Wickman dazed Holt then bulled him through the ropes. The Bulling was not just body weight but scrambled punches. Holt did a backdive towards the floor of the club. His father Bob dashed forward and caught him, preventing his head from slamming against the floor. Dean called the doctor, got out of the ring, spoke with both doctor and Holt, then returned to the ring and crowned Wickman KO winner. Right decision.

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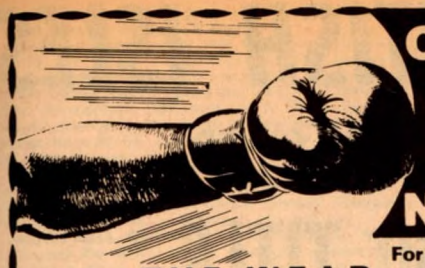

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MINTER REWINS BRITISH 160 TITLE

WEMBLEY POOL—Alan Minter,160, regained the British middleweight title that he never lost in the ring by outpointing champion Kevin Finnegan,159¼, over 15 rounds. Scoreline 144-143.

It is doubtful whether in the long history of boxing two men have been more evenly mached. Three times they have met, each contest has gone the full 15 rounds, and although Minter has won all three, the margin in each case has been just ONE ROUND.

Minter was deprived of his British title by the British Boxing Board of Control because he was unable to defend it within the time stipulated by them.

This was distinctly unlucky(some said unfair), as Alan was also involved in defending the European crown he then held also, and obviously found it difficult to fit in both. His second bad break came when he lost his European title on an eye injury after being ahead on points against Frenchman Gratien Tonna.

Now he is back on top, and matchmaker Mickey Duff has promised him a shot at Rodrigo Valdes' world title within the next two or three months, probably in the United States.

As to the fight itself, it was probably Minter's grandstand finish that brought him victory in a fight where most rounds were extremely close, and referee James Brimmell must have had to deliberate very carefully before completing his scorecard at the end of each session.

It was a fascinating contest, a real battle of wits. Every move was carefully thought out, neither would get too involved at close quarters, it was jab for jab, and the fight produced a high degree of technical skill.

Having fought twice before as professionals, they had the greatest respect for each other, but it didn't stop the action, and the pace was a fast one.

Both were nicked around the eyes, but nothing serious, and, as in their previous contests, there was never a moment when either was off his feet.

Minter said afterwards that his manager and father-in-law, Doug Nidwell, had told him he must win the last round, and even Finnegan conceded that Alan had done just that.

At the start of the 15th and final session both were straining at the leash and the referee had literally to hold them bacnded.

Minter landed a solid punch on Finnegan's eye injury, and continued to press. It was blow-for-blow, but there was no argument as to Minter's superiority in that final three minutes.

Afterwards Minter said:"Early on I felt fine. My punches were landing, and I felt I couldn't miss him. But in the eighth he came strong.

"It was the hardest fight of the three. Kevin Finnegan is a helluva fighter. I just hope I never have to meet him again."

Finnegan said:"A month ago I damaged my ankle whn I tripped over a tree root when out running. I chipped a bone in my right leg and have been unable to do any road work since.

"I wanted a postponement, but was told this was impossible. I can't honestly say that it bothered me during the contest, but naturally I have not been able to do all the work I should in preparation for such an important contest.

"I've just got to beat Minter before I retire."

Promoter Harry Levene was naturally over the moon. "One of the greatest fights ever staged at this venue," he stated. "It cost a lot to put on, but it was worth it, and the fans certainly got their value for their money."

Mickey Duff confirmed this, and said he had them even going into the last round. "Minter will get his world title fight," he added.

Maurice Hope kept his European light-middleweight title by knocking out Frenchman Joel Bonnetaz in five rounds. Antiguan-born Hope was in tremendous form, and stays in line for a World title shot. Hope was in tremendous form, and stays in line for a World title shot.

Other results: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Harrow) outpointed Bingo Crooks(Wolverhampton) in a lightweight eight-rounder; Tom Kiely(Brighton) out-pointed Neil Malpass(Leicester) in a heavyweight eight-rounder; Vernon Scott(Willesden) stopped Greg Evans(Liverpool) in the fifth, of a light-heavyweight bout.

▲AFAN LIDO, ABERAVON—Alan Richardson, Fitzwilliam, kept his British featherweight title by narrowly outpointing Les Pickett, Merthyr, over 15 torrid rounds. The fans came expecting a thriller, and they sure got one. Scoreline 145-144.

The fight had everything but a knockdown, but this was due to the superb physical condition of both men. Pickett has never boxed better, and he bravly shrugged off a cut over the right eye to gradually whittle down the champion's early lead. But not quite enough to win it.

Richardson boxed coolly and confidently from the first bell, and although Pickett came forward, it was the champ who was doing most of the scoring, with accurate jabs and hooks.

As early as the second Richardson was bruised over the left eye and by the end of the contest it was practically shut.

There were times when, try as he may, Richardson could not keep Pickett out, and was forced to trade punch for punch. It was exciting and the pace was a hot one. The crowd loved every moment of it.

There was little between them in each round, but Richardson was winning most of them by virtue of his cleaner and more accurate punching.

From the fifth, it was punch-for-punch whenever Pickett got near enough, and the seventh especially was action-packed with Pickett being the first to break off the exchanges.

Pickett's cut came in the eighth, and this prompted him to go forward even more in the hope of landing a finisher. But Richardson's skill kept him out.

Richardson had to five ground in the ninth, with Pickett calling upon hidden reserves of energy, and at the end of this session Richardson's left glove was replaced, having split across the centre. The delay lasted three minutes, and probably both men were glad of the extra rest.

The Welshman kept up the pressure, beating his man to the punch, and actually shaking him one or two occasions. However, Les's punches were not of the weighty variety, and through it all Richardson kept jabbing away as often as he could.

Both men tried very hard to sway the issue in the final round and Richardson may well have just edged it.

So the champ kept his title, but he'll rarely have a harder fight. It was conducted in an extremely sporting manner, both men being great friends outside the ring, and each paying tribute to the other afterwards.

Roland Dakin refereed this one well, and although the local boxer Pickett didn't win the fans gave generous applause to Richardson.

Pickett finished with injuries around the mouth, nose and both eyes, but he had done Wales proud.

It was promoter Eddie Thomas's first British title fight, and he couldn't have wished for a better one. Also, it was a full house.

After a rest, Richardsun may seek another shot at Eddie Ndukwu's Commonwealth crown. Pickett's future is uncertain. He'll also have a well-earned rest.

Dil Collins, Llantwit Major, 136, beat substitute Frank McCord, Swansea, 140, who was disqualified for alleged "illegal use of the head" in the sixth.

Both were warned for infringements on several occasions, and Collins was cut on the left eye in the sixth, with Mc cord being ruled out just after.

Collins was originally scheduled to meet holder Johnny Wall for the Welsh title, but the latter had influenza.

Wayne Bennett, New Tredegar, 162¼, outpointed substitute Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 164, over eight by 79-76. In this bout also too much time was involved with infrigements, with Bennett being the more accurate.

Debutant Colin Jones, Gorseinon, 145, beat Mike Copp, Swansea, 150, the bout being stopped in the fifth after Copp had been decked.

Lloyd Lee, Harlesden, 143, another debutant, outpointed Kelvin Webber, Porth, 141, by 59-57 over six in a good contest.

Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 136, yet another newcomer, outpointed Philip Morris, Cefn Hengoed, 134½, over four by 40-36. It looked closer.

▲ROYALTY NITESPOT, SOUTHGATE—Nearly£19 in nobbins were showered into the ring after Tony Zeni, Highgate, 133½, outpointed Dave Taylor, 140, over eight crowd-pleasing rounds. Scoreline 79-77.

Taylor set the pace, using his superior weight to advantage, but Zeni punched faster and varied his attack well in the second half of the fight.

Brian Paul, Basildon, 193, outpointed David Fry, Bournemouth, 214½, over eight by 79-77, but some of the fans thought Fry deserved better and booed accordingly.Debutant Steve Taylor, Shoreditch, 174½, defeated Alan Butters, 178½, the referee intervening in the fifth. Butters was down in the previous round, and had stopped hitting back when the closure was applied.

▲CITY HALL, NEWCASTLE—George Feeney, Hartpool, 135, convincingly outpointed Billy Vivian, Merthyr, 136½, over eight by 79-77. The latter was obviously affected by the long journey, arriving only a short time before he was due to enter the ring.

Vivian started well enough, but tired in the later rounds, and if Feeney hadn't bruised his right hand in the fourth, the Welshman may well have been stopped. George McGurk, Jarrow, 138, outpointed Godfrey Butler, Birmingham, 134½, over eight by 79-76. McGurk was taking part in his 51st pro bout, and although the contest was a bit of a scramble, he did manage to put Butler on the canvas on two occasions.

It was "novvins time" for Alan Robertson, Newcastle, 127½, and debutant Geroge O'Neill, Glasgow, 128, with the former winning an eight-rounds points verdict by 80-76, not losing a

round. O'Neill went through a torrid period during the first couple of rounds, but gamely kept going.

One might have thought that Muhammad Ali was getting into the ring, as the TV cameras followed a heavyweight all the way to the dressing room and back. But it was only debutant George Scott, Newcastle, 208, who outscored Alan Ward, Mexborough, 199, over six by 60-55. Scott was this year's runner-up for the British amateur heavyweight championship. He is 6ft, 5in. and put his opponent down three times, not losing a round.

Reg Long, Peterlee, beat debutant Roy Gregory, Normanton, 175, the bout being stopped in the fifth. Gregory was decked in the opening round. Jackie Dinning, Newcastle, 114, drew with George Bailey, Bradford, 110 over four.

▲CIVIC HALL, BARNSLEY— Kenny Webber, Manchester, 151½, won the vacant Central Area light-middleweight title by outpointing Jimmy Devanney, Bradford, 152¼, over ten by 97-95. Devanney faded after a promising opening, and the longer the fight went the worse it got for Jim, who was decked for a short count in the ninth.

Nagib Daho, Manchester, 132, easily outscored Paul Clemit, Barnsley,130, by 79-74 over eight. The hard punching of Daho proved too much for the plucky Clemit. Eric Wood, Doncaster, 133, comfortably outpointed Rodney Collinson, Manchester, 132, over four by 40-36, winning every round. Mick Durkin, Bradford, 145, outscored Russ Shaw, Oldham, 147¼, over six by 59-56. A good scrap, won by the busier boxer.

▲SEYMOUR HALL, LONDON—Billy Aird, 204½, gained a convincing win over Costa Rican Gilberto Acuna, 211, the bout being stopped in the sixth of a scheduled ten with the latter taking punishment. Not a heavy puncher, Aird put his man on the canvas with a right to the chin in the second round, and was on top throughout.

At 32, Aird is now the leading contender for the vacant British heavyweight title.

It was quite a night for substitute Joey Mack, Birmingham, 148½, who taking part in only his sixth pro fight, defeated British welter champ Henry Rhiney, 147¼. The bout was stopped in the seventh with Rhiney sagging on the ropes and taking punch after punch without reply.Mack had been floored in the second round with a right cross. Also, he had been warned in three rounds for not punching.

Peter Neal, Swindon, 147½, drew with Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 147½, over eight. Action throughout, with nothing to choose between them. LLoydLee, Harlesden, 144¼, kayoed Gene McGarrigale, Dublin, 143, in four. McGarrigale was down twice before the knockout. Ceri Collins, Merthyr, kayoed Gerry BURNS, Belfast, 136, with a right to the body in the first round.

▲TIFFANYS BALLROOM, COVENTRY—Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, 151¼, outpointed Joe Oke, Ghana, 152, over eight by 80-72, winning every round. Morris struck a bad patch after being highly rated, and went five bouts without a win until this one. But even now he is still not back in his best form, and the contest didn't provide much of anything for the fans. Young McEwan(formerly Young England amateur international Glen McEwan) Birmingham, 156, kayoed Mick Hinton, Penge, 159, in two. He dropped his man for nine, then finished him off with a perfect right hand. Steve Early, Coventry, 138, lived up to his name in stopping Kevin Sheehan, Alfreton, 135 in three. No knockdowns, but Steve was well on top when the referee intervened. Ronnie Pilgrim, Battersea, 147, beat Roger Guest, Dudley, 147¼, the bout being stopped when Guest was cut under the left eye in the fourth and final session.

A sparkling bout and a disputed decision came when Granville Allen, West Wednesbury,141, was awarded a 58-56 win over Mick Bell, Leicester, 138½, over six. Bell was decked in the third, and there was plenty of toe-to-toe exchanges. Allen's cleaner punching saw him home. Mark Hill, Wednedbury, 128¼, drew with Larry Richards, Leicester, 127, over four.

▲BELFAST—Spanird Adolfo Osses, 135, beat Charlie Nash, Derry, 135, the Irish lightweight champion, the contest being stopped in the fifth round with Nash cut on the left eyebrow, an injury that required four stitches. Nash protested, stating that he would have stopped Osses in another round. It was the end of Nash's unbeaten record, and a great pity it had to be on an eye injury. No one seemed certain how the cut came. Nash was adamant that it was a clash of heads in the fourth, and the referee intervened with just 15 seconds of the round to go. Paddy Graham, Belfast, 129½, outpointed Spaniard Jose Luis Rodriguez, 130¼, by 79-77 over eight. Graham had it all his own way but rarely attempted to follow up his advantages. An eye injury also spioled another good fight. Benny Purdy, Banbridge, 136, beat Ray Ross, Ardglass, 135¼, the bout being stopped in the fourth. Making yet another comeback at the age of 32, Willie Turkington, Doagh, 140¾, easily outpointed substitute Jon Breen, Belfast, over six.

▲LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Robbie Davies, Birkenhead, 157½, knocked out Spaniard Franco Carmona 154 in two. Davies' swinging attack was too much for Carmona, who was down at the bell in the first round, and floored for the full count in the following session. American Bruce Grandham, 211, beat Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 211½, who retired at the end of the fourth with a damaged muscle in his right shoulder.

Nobbins greeted the points victory of Joe Lally, Liverpool, 155½, over Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 156¼, by 79-75 in their eight-rounder. Lally dominated this one, and it was not until the closing stages that Gregory met with some success as he took the fight to his opponent. Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 138, outpointed Marty Jacobs, Kirkby, 137¾, over six by 60-54, winning every round. Theo Josephs, Halifax, 180½, beat fellow-southpaw Ritchie Smith, 169, the bout being stopped in the third when the latter ran out of gas.

▲CENTRE HOTEL, SOUTHSEA—Jan Magdziarz,Southampton, 160, successfully defended his Southern Area middleweight title by beating Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 160, the referee intervening in the fourth with Angus not hitting back. Jan ell, and punched hard with both hands. Angus found his task much too difficult, and could only try to hold on for as long as possible. Gary Collins, Tottenham, 140, outscored Peter Snowshell, Burnt Oak, 141, by 59-58 over six, a margin which didn't give enough credit for the clever boxing of Collins. Jimmy Whitmarsh, Portsmouth, 160½, made it three in a row by outpointing Martin Cocrachio, Bournemouth, 163, over four by 40-37, which meant he didn't lose a round. However,Cocrachio, did land some good punches, and it looked closer. Kendrick Edwards,St. Albans, 153, beat Ian Tungett, Portsmouth, 140, the bout being stopped when southpaw Tungett was cut around the left eye in the third round. Earl Noel, Walworth, easily outscored Malcolm Howard, Portsmouth, 148½, over six by 60-56, not losing a round. Noel now leads in the series 2-1.

▲PLAZA BALLROOM, GLASGOW—Willie Booth, Airdrie, 132, gained a points win against Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 131, over eight by 77-76. Not a popular verdict, and Booth was decked in the fifth. Southpaw Booth kept on the attack the whole time, but not all his punches were landing, and Crooks revealed some clever ringcraft, jabbing neatly whenever Booth got in range. Charlie Malarkey, 154, made a fine start to his pro career by outboxing Albert Smith Barnsley,

Challenger Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, was almost knocked out of the ring by defending British light middleweight champ Jimmy Batten. Referee Harry Gibbs called a halt in the fourth round.

162, over six by 60-56 not losing a round. Alan Reid, Edinburgh, 154, gained a narrow points verdict over Dave Ward, Manchester, 148, by 58-57 over six. Ward impressed early on, but Reid came again in the later stages. Don Hughes, Glasgow, 144, drew with Martin Bridges, Bradford, 144, over six. When they met a few months earlier, Bridges won on points. This time the latter had to fight back after being decked in the third round.

▲ANGLO-AMERICAN SPORTING CLUB, LONDON—Tommy Davitt, Highgate, 138½, outpointed Barry Price, 138, over eight by 79-76. It was their fifth meeting, and the best so far. Davitt was too clever and too strong for the enthusiastic Price, who was decked in the fifth and sixth twice. Both were marked facially. Price's left eye was cut, so was Davitt's. The body punching of Davitt was especially impressive. Debutant Bobby Hennessey, Staines, 205, outscored Brian Paul, Basildon, 197¼, over six by 59-56. Only 19, Hennessey shaped up well, and showed an accurate jab and a solid dig. Winston Spencer, Walworth, 140 , kayoed Johnny Gwilliam, Birmingham, 135½, in the second round with a right hand. Salvo Nuciforo, Falmouth, 158¼, beat Earl Wallace, 163, the bout being stopped in the third when the latter was not hitting back against his always-punching opponent.

▲MARTON COUNTRY CLUB—Johnny Feeney, Hartpool, 118½, kayoed Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 116, in the sixth. The latter was down in the fourth and fifth before the final punch. Nagib Daho, Manchester, 136, outpointed Don Burgin, Shotton, 135½, over eight by 79-76. A quiet start, but Daho armed to his work in the third and kept up the pressure until the close. Geroge Scott, Newcastle, confirmed a previous win by outscoring Alan Ward, Meadowbank, 194, over six by 59-56. Ward was decked just before the final bell. Jackie Dinning, Newcastle, 118, also confirmed a victory over George Bailey, Bradford, 111, outpointing him over four by 40-38, not losing a round. Southpaw Dinning jabbed neatly with his right.

▲NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON—Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 141¼, convincingly outpointed Kevin Davies, Nottingham, 141¼, over eight by 80-75. It was Davies' first defeat, and he was down in the seventh. In this battle of southpaws McKenzie scored well at close quarters, and was the heavier puncher. Mickey Morse, Burnt Oak, 150, easily outscored John Mount, Glasgow, 145½, over eight by 80-73, not losing a round. It wasn't as one-sided as the scoreline may suggest, and some of the rounds were very close. Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 129¾, gained a close points verdict over Lee Graham, Findhley, 129, by 79-78 in their eight-rounder. Some disagreed with the verdict. Carl Canwell, Stoke Newington, 174¼, outscored Joey Williams, Poplar, 175½, over six by 60-54.ONDON—An unusual ending, and an unusual verdict, made the Southern area welterweight title fight between challenger Dave Proud, and champion Johnny Pincham the subject of much controversy. Referee Sid Nathan intervened halfway into the eighth round and it was announced that as both men were unable to continue because of cuts, the verdict had been rendered according to the points totals at the end of the previous round. Referee Nathan thus made Proud the winner by 69-68, but many thought Pincham deserved to win.The cuts were on Pincham's lip and on Proud's left eyebrow. Both injuries afterwards required stitches.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT
Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird(E)
2. George Chuvalo(C)
3. Denton Ruddock(J)
4. John L. Gardner(E)
5. Isaac Hussien(E)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum(N)
7. Terry Mintus(E)
8. Tony Moore(J)
9. Fonomanu Sekona(T)
10. Maule Haumona(T)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray(C)
1. Dave Green(E)
2. John H.Stracey(E)
3. Ali Afakasi(NZ)
4. Steven Dennis(A)
5. Henry Rhiney(J)
6. Andy Broome(A)
7. Billy Waith(W)
8.Kevin White(E)
9. Kirkland Laing(J)
10. Steve Angell(E)

LIGHT/HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine(A)
1. John Conteh(E)
2. Bunny Hohnson(J)
3. Victor Attivor(G)
4 Phil Martin(E)
5. Tim Wood(E)
6. Gary Summerhays(C)
7. Earnie Barr(Bah)
8. Al Korvou(A)
9. Joe Vella(A)
10. Mustapha Alassaja(Ug)

LIGHT/WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Baby Cassius Austin(A)
1. Hector Thompson(A)
2. Martin Benji(Papua
3. Colin Powers(E)
4. Des Morrison(J)
5. Ross Eadie(A)
6. Chris Walker(E)
7. Chris Davies(W)
8. Jeff Malcolm(A)
9. Clinton McKenzie(E)
10, Binky Reminski(A)

BANTAMWEOGHT
Champion
Sully Shittu(G)
1. Paul Ferreri(A)
2. Paddy Maguire(I)
3. Johnny Owen(W)
4. Wayne Evans(E)
5. Paddy Maguire(I)
6. George Sutton(W)
7. John Kellie(S)
8. Gary Davidson(E)
9. David Austin(A)
10. John Hipwell(A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Monty Betham(NZ)
1. Alan Minter(E)
2. Kevin Finnegan(E)
3. Bunny Sterling(J)
4. Jean-Claud Leclair(C)
5. Julius Luipa(Zam)
6. Frankie Lucas(St. Vin.)
7. Daniel Levesque(C)
8. Gerard Bouchard(C)
9. Viti Patterson(NZ)
10. Kevin Odus(N)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Les Blackmore(Guy)
1. Jonathan Dele(N)
2. Jim Watt(S)
3. Charkie Nash(I)
4. Barry Michael(A)
5. Al Ford(C)
6. Billy Mulholland(A)
7. Johnny Claydon(E)
8. Claude Noel(TR)
9. Cornelius Boza-Edwards(Ug)
10. Tommy Dunn(E)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Patrick Mambwe(Z)
1. Steve Bell(A)
2. Charlie Brown(A)
3. Dave Smith(E)
4. Charlie Magri(E)
5. Neil McLaughlin(I)
6. Sam Eke(N)
7. Roger Richens(A)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Maurice Hope(Ant.)
1. Rocky Mattioli(A)
2. Ayub Kalule(Ug)
3. Elisha Obed(Bah)
4. Jimmy Batten(E)
5. John Layton(A)
6. Neil Pattel(A)
7. Sammy Barr(Bah)
8. Larry Paul(E)
9. Pat Thomas(J)
10. Tony Hudson(E)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu(N)
1. David Kotey(G)
2. Alan Richardson(E)
3. Brian Roberts(A)
4. Les Pickett(W)
5. Dave Needham(E)
6. Jimmy Flint(E)
7. Jackie McGill(S)
8. Jeff Pritchard(W)
9. Bingo Crooks(J)
10. Mark Bliss(E)

BILLY MOELLER(A) is the Junior lightweight champion. No offical contender.

9. Cornelius Boza-Edwards(Ug)

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Mike Koranicki and Fili Moala Drew, 10
Ronald Gibbs halted Dave Plisko, 1
Hilliard Edmonds Jr. lost to Curtis Goins, 6
Robert L. Patterson stopped Matthew Donovan, 4
Joe Alexander beat G.G. Maldonado, 10
Eugene Green Jr. beat Jerry Thompkins, 8
Terry Mims stopped Gus Turner, 1
Calvin Cross beat Mike Chrun, 4
George Mostardini halted Troy Bolden, KO1
Tom Fisher beat Boom Boom Moorer, via KO3
Walter Moore stopped Harry Terrell, 3
Boone Kirkman outpointed Pedro Agosto, 10
Sandman Parker beat Lee Holliman, 10
Richard "Butch" Benjamin beat Bulldog Patterson, 10
Walter Moore beat Verbie Garland, 10
Grady Daniels defeated Robert Reynosa, via KO3
Carl Ivy halted Trinidad Escamilla, 3
Dicky Wills stopped Nick Wells, 1
Lynn Ball kayoed Leron Reen, 2
Brean Paul beat David Fry, 8
Felipe Rodriguez stopped Augusto Dos Santos, 2
Billy Aird stopped Gilberto Acuna, 6

LIGHTHEAVIES

Leroy Danford halted Gene Miera, 2
King David Smith beat Jr. Albers, 10
Budda Brooks whipped Gary Gahn, 6
Alvaro Lopez knocked out Chuck Warfield, 4
Jose Gutierrez beat Moses Robinson, 5
Julius Noble beat Henry Sims, 6 via KO
Tony Mundine stopped Danny Brewer, 7, also beat Lee Royster, 10
Ivy Brown halted Leon Washington, 1
Troy Vaougn beat Hank Gregory, 10
Louis Pergaud stopped Tom Bethea, 6
Percy Jones was kayoed by Pete Knight, 3
Clyde Mudget whipped Lucky Patterson, 4
Alfonso Aguirre halted Ponce Ortiz, 2
Wiets De Beer whipped Jackson Hlongwane, 4
Martin Barnard stopped Joseph Matjku, 4
Christian Poncelet halted Yannick Dufour, 9
(French Lightheavyweight Title)
Louis Pergaud stopped Tom Bethea, 6 (via cut)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Russell Pope stopped Glenn Tomlin, 4
Sandro Mazzinghi beat Dave Adkins, 8
Alfredo Naveiras beat Pablo Rodriguez, 10
Erwin Williams stopped Renato Garcia, 8
Edgar Wallace beat Casey Gacic, 10
John Sullivan stopped Larry Smith, 3
Edgar Ross stopped Zovek Barajas, 10
Hugo Corro beat Nolberto Fleitas, KO2
(South American Middleweight Title)
Tony McMinn stopped Roy Christian, 4
Al Clay beat Mike Hallacy, 10
Joe Barrientos stopped Donnie London, 3
Paul Stephens halted Macaro Estoga, 2
Wayne Bennett whipped Bonnie McKenzie, 8
Jan Magdziarz halted Oscar Angus, 4
Robbie Davies stopped Francisco Carmona, 2
Joe Lally beat Brian Gregory, 8

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Freddie Washington beat Antonio Adame, 10
James Bella stopped Roger Wells, 5
Rocky Mosely beat Freddie Washington, 10
Maurice Hope kayoed Joel Bonnetaz, 5
(Retained European Jr. Middleweight Title)
Carlos Santos halted Mario Valoy, 4
David Motlengwa beat Ernest Thibeli via KO, 1
Charlie Weir stopped Coenraad Bekker, 5
Kenny Webber beat Jim Devanney, 8
Mick Minter won over Albert Hillman, 8
Peter Morris whipped Joe Oke, 8
Glen McEwan stopped Mickey Hinton, 2
Claude Martin stopped Marcel Giordanella, 6
(French Jr. Middleweight Title)
Loucif Hamani halted Simon Rifoe, 11
(African Jr. Middleweight Title)
Damiano Lassandro whipped Walter Guernieri, 12
(Italian Jr. Middleweight Title)
Luigi Minchillo won over Roy Kaba, 8
Andoni Amana whipped Jose Hernandez, 12
(Spanish Jr. Middleweight Title)

WELTERWEIGHTS

Bruce Curry knocked out Julio Gomez, 3
Curtis Lewis halted John Pinedo, 1, then lost to Alfred Lorona, 6
Pete Ranzany and Randy Shields Technically Drew, 2
Victor Martinez beat Bert Lee, 6
Joe Maldonado beat Kenny Sheppard, 4
Robert Mann beat Peter O'Keefe, 4
Art McKnight beat Ron Petrigrew, 6
Bruno Arcari whipped Justice Ortiz, 10
Tony Chiaverini beat Billy Duquette, 10
Dale Grant stopped Al Newman, 5
Dennis Horne beat Rocky Mathews, 4
Clyde Spencer beat Phil Reed, 4
Samuel Tshabalala beat Abel Mana, 4, then lost to Simon Zondo, disq. 3
David Kambule stopped George Selebi, 8
Jan Beneke beat Emmanuel Gumede, 4
Samuel Tshabalala beat Leonard Motaung, 6
James Pixley beat Arturo Cirilos, 6
Dave Proud beat Johnny Pincham, via KO7
Joey Mack halted Henry Rhiney, 7
Fred Coranson halted Remo Costa, 8
Georges Warusfel beat Nelson Gomes, 8
Horacio Ruiz beat Leon Galan, 12
(Spanish Welterweight Title)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Jimmy Heair stopped Juan Garcia, 10
Ronald Cummings stopped Tiger Noji, 5
James Blevins beat Santos Rodriguez, 4
Antonio Cervantes whipped Nani Marrero, 15
(Retained WBA Jr. Welterweight Title)
Saensak Muangsurin beat Saoul Mamby, 15
(Retained WBC Jr. Welterweight Title)
Jose Hernandez beat Harvey Arnold, 10
Clancy Morgan stopped Arturo Circles, 3
Roberto Perez halted Baby Perez, 2
Candido Acosta kayoed Jose Montanez, 2
Fungile Buti beat Tami Smpampool, 6
Philippus Van As stopped Petrus Karstens, 3
Gert Craemer whipped Dominic Germishuys, 4
Harold Volbrecht beat Norman Sekgapane, 10
Rosendo Ramon beat Johnny Copeland, 10
Juan Jose Gimenez halted Jae Ho Kim, 7, then stopped Benny Lerinsky, 6
Giuseppi Martinese whipped Giancarlo Barabotti, 12
(Italian Jr. Welterweight Title)

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Abraham Perez beat Hector Rivera, 10
Rocky Fukumoto halted Ruben Martinez, 2
Reynaldo Zaragoza beat Genaro Gloria, 6
Gerald Hayes beat Rufus Miller, 8
Termite Watkins beat Freddie Harris, 10
Vicente Saldivar stopped Jose Talamentez, 7
Frankie Baltazar Jr. stopped Jorge Ramos, 1
Andrew Ganigan stopped Roman Contreras, 2
Oscar Mendez and Ramon Gonzalez drew, 10, then beat Martin Leiva, 10
Ramon Araujo whipped Carlos Gomez, 10
Hugo Castellanos and Nestor Palacios Drew, 8
Celestino Pacheco stopped Hugo Martinez, 3
Roque Arevalo and Jose Funes, drew, 10
Federico Godoy and Santiago Lopez, drew, 10
Ramon Gonzalez beat Alfredo Galvan, KO6
Francisco Lara beat Hugo Diaz, 8
Cocoa Sanchez halted Felix Perez, 7
Ernesto Gonzalez stopped Octavio Amparan, 8
Gonzalo Montellano halted Tiger Noji, 5
Enrique Maxwell beat Felix Sune, 10
James Boltina lost to Christofer Plaatjie, 6
Pinki Dlala beat Mquondise Ntshinka, 6
Peet Van Der Westhuizen beat Manny De Jesus, 6
Phindlile Ndilele beat Howard Motumi, KO3
George Feeney beat Billy Vivian, 8
George McGurk whipped Godfrey Butler, 8$Benny Purdy stopped Ray Ross, 3
Tommy Davitt beat Barry Price, 8
Clinton McKenzie whipped Kevin Davies, 8
Abass Macauley beat Antonio Pocai, 8
Severino Picca won over Giovannino Mannu, 4

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS

Frankie Blatazar stopped Jorge Ramos, 1
Bazooka Limon halted Ray Saldivar, 3
Eulogio Bojorquez beat Jose Rodriguez, 6
Herman Montes whipped Tony Sanchez, 6
Tony Sanchez halted Reynaldo Alvarez, 2, then stopped by Juan Villa, 3
Alberto Collazo stopped Frank Maldonado, 4
Benny Marquez beat Jose Medrano, 6
Rodrigo Aguirre beat Paul Morales, 6
Salvador Gonzales beat Tosh Goya, 5
Alfonso Duran beat Reinaldo Ortega, 4
Michael Mohlabane beat Abram Mphatsoe, 6
Lazarus Mofokeng and Abraham Mphatsoe drew, 6
Manase Potse stopped Ralph Phatsoa, 2
Nagib Daho beat Paul Clemit, 8, then whipped Don Burgin, 8
Tony Zeni whipped Dave Taylor, 8
Paddy Graham defeated Jose Luis Rodriguez, 8
Willie Booth beat Bingo Crooks, 8

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Spud Murphy kayoed Jose Luis Lara, 3
Juan Manuel Sanchez beat Haracio Pintado, 5
Oscar Muniz halted Jorge Altamirano, 6
Rene Silva won over Johnny Jenson, 10
Valentin Holguin beat Jesus Fernandez, 4
Ruben Castillo beat Miguel Meza, 10
Red Berry beat William Whipple, 10
Leonel Valencia lost to Alejandro Orejel, 10
Luke Ervin beat John Sullivan, 10
Tony Reed defeated by Tauro Hernandez, 10
Juli Cesar Pinilla whipped Romualdo Vilchez, 10, then stopped Pedro Moreno in 4
Jorge Miranda defeated Rodrigo Martinez, 10
Jacinto Fuentes stopped Sergio Del Cid, 3
Samuel Nhlapo beat Paulus Masoane, 4, then beat Shadrack Mogupudi, 6
Elias Mphatsoe whipped Jacob Mokonenyane, 4
Mzimkhulu Papu defeated Derrick Gobodo, 4
Cecil Baatjies won over Nkululeko Sandi, 8
Kho Tywakadi decisioned Sipho Mtyeko, 6
Sonwabo Sgetye beat Houlet Nohenda, 4
Reginald Peters halted Daniel Blignaut, 3
Bobby Vascocu beat Shannon Williams, 6
James Martinez stopped Johnny Meza, 7
Alfonso Dominguez halted by Nico Perez, 5
Alan Richardson whipped Les Pickett, 15
(British Featherweight Title)
Natale Vezzoli beat Daniel Tratzinsky, 10

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Lupe Pintor stopped Tony Rocha, 4
Eduardo Plata beat Luis Vieyra, 5
Tony Fernandez halted Jorge Flores, 5, then lost to Pee Man Jones, 6
Sean O'Grady stopped Jose Oliveras, 5
Benjamin Zapata kayoed Cesar Becerra, 2
Jose Cousins stopped Luis Sotomayor, 2, then lost to Juan Gondola, 6
Victor Barrows halted Jose Jimenez, 4
Marcos Britton knocked out Benjamin Zapata, 3
Speedy Mahlatsi beat Joseph Mokomatsidi, 4
Fzelile Mzalazala and Johannes Shwana drew, 6
Nkosomzi Moss beat Malungelo Gqola, 6
Paul Mascane whipped Stephen Khotle, 8
John Feeney halted Jimmy Bott, 6
Young Esmain halted Tony Rodriguez, 8
Franco Buglione whipped Luigi Tessarin, 12
(Italian Bantamweight Title)
Emilio Pireddu and Antonio Franca drew, 8

FLYWEIGHTS

Ruben Pasero beat Nico Perez, 10
Santos Lacair beat Carlos Reyes, 12
Miguel Lazarte beat Alberto Martin, 10
Freddie Gonzalez halted Santos Nunez, 7
Alfredo Thomas and Felipe Perez drew, 10
Rafael Pedroza beat Luis Ibarra, 10
Manuel Jimenez beat Milciades Alvarez, 4
Lawrence Krune stopped Thozamile Gxabeka, 2
Lodewicus Pretoruis whipped Norman Hlalele, 4
Speedy Mahlatsa halted Simon Sehloho, 2
Monde Mpulampula beat Simon Moema, 4
Mariano Garcia whipped Jose Cantero, 12
(Spanish Flyweight Title)
Giovanni Camputaro stopped Claudio Tanda, 10
(Italian Flyweight Title)

RODRIGUEZ ICES ROSE

● *By JACKIE LEVINSON* ●

Richmond, Va. — Willie Rodrigues, 134, of Allentown, Pa. scored a T.K.O. in the 5th round over Tommy Rose, 135, the seventh ranked lightweight from Sherborn, Mass. The bout, co-featured the four bout card at The RICHMOND ARENA. A Rodriguez uppercut, left Rose with a severe cut under the lower lip and prompted State Athletic commission doctor ED HADDOCK, to stop the fight prior to the start of the fifth round. With the doctors decision, Rodriguez built his record to 13-2. Rose is 24-3. . .

Jimmy Farrell, the 10th-ranked U.S. FEATHERWEIGHT FROM Rockland, Mass, remained unbeaten (22-0-1) with a sixth-round TKO over Escobar Gonzales, of Puerto Rico. Richmond heavyweight, Don Spellman earned a unanimous six round decision over Matt Robinson of Washington, D.C. Spellman's record reads 6-1. . .

In the opening bout, scheduled for six rounds, before an estimated crowd of 570 paying customers, Ray Fallon of Burlington, Mass. defeated Charles Lott of Asbury Park, N.J. When Lotts failed to answer the bell for the 5th round.

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▲**Virginia Beach** — Bobby Acey had little trouble extending his boxing knockout streak to seven, at the DOME, stopping Hilbert Hughes in the 2nd round. The unbeaten Norfolk policeman welterweight, was punching the Philadelphian with rights and lefts, when Referee Al Rothenberg stepped in and stop the bout at 1:42 of the round. Hughes was no match for the fighting Policeman, and what blows he did return in the opening round were very feeble.

It was a definite mismatch. Hughes came into the ring with a reported 2-2 record as a pro. Acey stunned him with a right to the face in the opening round, and it was only a question of time when the Norfolkian would put him away.

However, it was not an all victorious evening for the cops. In the four round semi-final, Jesse Carter boxed his way to a split decision over veteran middleweight Greg Lamour, who lost his second straight fight in a comeback attempt. Carter, outweighed by nine pounds at 156 lbs, played it smart against the more experienced Chesapeake Police officer. He jabbed and moved, never giving Lamour a target. Lamour kept coming in but never got his chance. It was evident he was aiming for a knockout, but Jesse smartly jabbed and danced away, piling up points on two of the judges cards to win the decision. . .

Al Yasbick, 176 lbs, of Charlottesville caught up with Oscar Freeman, 175 lbs of Norfolk, to gain a technical knockout at 1:50 of the 6th round. . .Jerry Martin, a strong light-heavyweight from Philadelphia, handed Norfolk's Charlie Smith his 1st defeat as a pro, in a 6 round bout. In gaining his 9th victory, in 9 pro fights. Martin proved the better in the infighting. He hit harder winning every round for a clear-cut decision. Smith is now 3-1. . .David Johnson a Hard-hitting 19-year old puncher from Bowie, Md. outpointed veteran Matt Robinson, 110 lbs, of Hyattsville, Md., Leroy Boone, 215, of Norfolk, was an easy winner over Ray Mitchell, 199, of Hyattsville. It was Boone's second win in three professional bouts. . .Considering the fact, that there was a crown of 1175 paid admissions. The operators are doing a successful job.

NORTON-YOUNG STIRS CONTROVERSY—WILL ALI FIGHT THE WINNER?

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therapist, Dr. Nicholas Lewter, for their help in bringing him back to the ring.

Quarry refused to comment on any future fights.

A semi-final bout featured the idol of the Olympics, Sugar Ray Leonard. Leonard, at age 21, is a consummate artist in the ring. His grace and agility were capped by a clever use of hooks to the body that finally sent his opponent, Augustin Estrada, to a KO at 1:54 of the sixth round.

This was the third knockout of Sugar Ray's pro career—and the 145 pound dynamo shows promise of becoming a lighter weight Ali. Trained by the venerable Angelo Dundee, Leonard possesses the boxing skills and the personal charisma reminiscent of the heavyweight champ in his younger days.

In the first preliminary, third ranked Larry Holmes, "The Easton Assassin," found the going rough against Dale (Sailor Ibar) Arrington.

Holmes's completely programmed method of fighting was ineffective against Ibar in the early rounds. The Sailor's strength and fury made up for his lack of ring artistry. But the over-confident Arrington let his guard down in the tenth round, and opened the way for an Assassin attack.

Holmes unloaded every trick taught him by his trainer, Richie Giacetti, and finally managed to KO Arrington midway through the final round. The knockout brings Holmes's undefeated record to 26-0.

The exciting card was telecast by ABC throughout the United States and to some 30 foreign countries. The fight drew 40 million TV viewers, in addition to the 5,000 live gate.

EDITORIAL

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the WBC and the WBA in the interest of boxing and in fairness to the boxing public, to at least come together sufficiently to clear up the split titles and allow the man on the street to know who is the real champion.

ZAMORA LOSES TO LUJAN

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Although the WBC recognizes Carlos Zarate of Mexico as the bantamweight title holder, the WBA and Ring magazine recognizes Jorge Lujan of Panama as world bantamweight champion. Eternal optimists, we'd sincerely like to see Lujan and Zarate meet in a REAL title bout as we do in the other divisions that contain two champions.

The first half of the championship doubleheader pitted WBA flyweight champion Gutty Espadas of Merida, Mexico, against Alex Santana of Nicaragua. Santana started sharply enough landing consistently with left hooks to the face and body of the champion as Gutty was content to loosen up by going for the kayo early. He was missing wildly as Alex built up quick three round lead by taking advantage of the champ's mistakes which were many.

Espadas settled down in the fourth round when he got his jab working, and by the middle of the fifth round was beginning to once again look like a champion as he started to hook off of the jab and in effect let the challenger know what type of night he was in for.

The sixth round saw Espadas force Santana into the ropes where he staggered the Nicaraguan several times as he was landing virtually everything he threw.

Gutty stepped up his attack in the seventh to the point where because Alex had no place to go, he made the mistake of going toe to toe. Oddly enough, Santana had the better going in these exchanges, but his punches lacked the power to slow down the champion who was becoming bolder and seemingly stronger as the round went on.

Espadas picked up where he left off in the eighth as he walked through Santana's pitiful attack like a starving man at a quick food joint. A right hook coming off his right jab halted hostilities as Alex could not beat referee John Thomas' count.

The Ring recognizes Gutty's fellow Mexican Miguel Canto as flyweight champion of the world.

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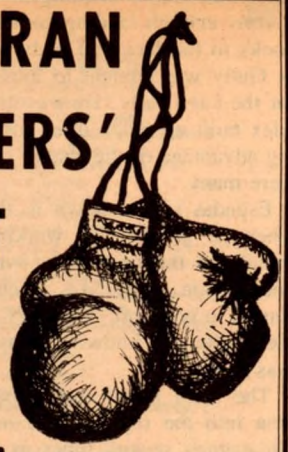

By Harry Warren

CHUCK DAVIES, former middleweight contender, is the able-chairman of the Detroit Athletic Commission. So — the Olympia Arena, is to come down, they say, to make way for progress. This great and historic Michigan sports center was inaugurated by the dandy of promoters TEX RICKARD. A ten-rounder between TOM HEENEY, the Australian and the famed rubber man from Cleveland JOHNNY RISKO met, which HEENEY won to secure a championship bout with GENE TUNNEY. Veteran Ring magazine writer and broadcaster SAMMY TAUB told the world over the microphone that JOE LOUIS was too good for ABE SIMON, when the referee itervened in the 13th round of a 20-round bout.

Colorful LOU JALLOS, 68 was born in Canton, Ohio, but his family took him to Cleveland at the age of four. He left college at 20. DAMON RUNYAN, famous newspaperman, introduced him to New York. JALLOS, a fast moving lightweight, partook in over 65 fights. He can be justly proud of having battled with two great champions, FRITZIE ZIVIC and BARNEY ROSS. Retiring from the ring as a fighter, he kept busy as a referee and also handled the security arrangements for the Family and HENRY FORD 2nd and also BILL FORD and Family. LOU JALLOS resides at Farmington, Michigan with his lovely wife MELBA.

Former pal PETEY SCALZO, who retired from the New York State Athletic Commission where he was chief Inspector, took off with his family from a beautiful home in Forest Hills, N.Y., and migrated to Miami Beach, Florida. PETEY, joined the South Florida VBA, Ring 31, but has secured work as an Inspector with the Racing Commission in that sunny state.

When this writer last spoke with RANDY SANDY, the former Bronx fighter who can lay claims to whipping both, the late DICK TIGER and EMILE GRIFFITH. NO MEAN FEAT. RANDY is a member of VBA, Ring 8, but is an administration aide in a Drug Program at Mount Vernon, N.Y.

FAME comes natural to the BERG family. JACKIE "KID" BERG, the famed former junior welterweight champion of the world, who took the title from American MUSHY CALLAHAN. JACK's daughter STEPHANIE JANE, is a most accomplished artist and her paintings have been on view in the most select galleries in London and Paris. STEPHANIE has been commissioned to paind life-sized portraits of some of Great Britain's famous sportsmen. JACK, who still possesses the gold n' diamond belt presented by Ring magazine to world champions wishes to find a museum that would like to buy it. Contact the former champion at 24, The Roystons, East Preston, West Sussex, England. BN1-62TR.

Former British heavyweight contender ERNIE WOODMAN is the president of a very active ex-boxer organization. The Sussex-Ex Boxer Association. The association has grown from a small group who met in a pub, to a couple of hundred active members. A smart monthly newsletter is sent to all members and is edited by FRED PARISH, 54 Rutland Gardens, Hove, Sussex, England. Ex-boxers living in the area, contact FRED, this applies to former officials, trainers, managers etc.

JOE DARCY, younger brother of the late famed LES DARCY, the middleweight champion of Australia, (read January issue-Ring 1977) writes to say that boxing is on the upswing in Australia. He is a referee and judge. He complains that news from boxing sources around the world would be most welcomed. Write to him at 37 Princeton Avenue, Adamstown Heights 2289, New South Wales, Australia.

JOEY SANGER, former featherweight, was re-elected Chairman of the Wisconsin State Athletic Commission . . . McDonald's, the hamburger chain, is showing old-time fight movies in their New York eateries. Your reporter caught the TOMMY FARR-JOE LOUIS title fight and JACK JOHNSON versus STANLEY KETCHELL, who although only a middleweight, had captured the imagination of the fight crowd during this era.

PHAINTIN' PHIL SCOTT, who was born in London, England, January 3, 1902, is recorded as having his first pro bout on March 15, 1919. Standing 6-3, and weighing 200-pounds, the good looking Cockney became the new White Hope of his time. On June 13, 1931, SCOTT had his last fight, when he was defeated by Canadian LARRY GAINS. He was knocked-out in the second round and GAINS became British Empire heavyweight champion. SCOTT, during his 81-bout career, had captured the British Empire and European heavyweight championships. In 1927, SCOTT had three fights in the U.S.A. KNUTE HANSEN knocked out SCOTT in the first round in his New York debut, on November 4. Twenty-four days later in New York, SCOTT knocked out MONTE MUNN in the 10th round. But lost a decision to JOHNNY RISKO at Cleveland on December 14. HE defeated PIERRE CHARLES, ROBERTO ROBERTI, VITTORIO CAMPOLO and OTTO VON PORAT, all in New York. On Feb. 27, 1930, JACK SHARKEY K.O.'d SCOTT in third round at Miami, Florida. PHIL SCOTT, returned from Australia, with his wife, where they had spent the last 20-years. Write a letter to SCOTT — he has been in poor health recently. 7 Deleval Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, England. . . .

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FREEMAN, HEAIR WIN IN MEMPHIS

By JOEL LIPSITT

Holiday Inn-Rivermont, Memphis, Tenn. — In one of the scheduled 10 rounders, local Memphian favorite, Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 125 tangled with southpaw "Peanuts" Emerson, 127, Cincinnati, Ohio. Freeman, the slugging little featherweight figured he had hopped on his share of dogs but this evening his opponent hardly fit into the category.

"Peanut" Emerson gave Freeman all he wanted and vice versa. Both brawlers exchanged numerous brisk exchanges which brought the crowd to their feet throughout the exciting scrap. The 10-round co-main event went to Freeman on a unanimous decision, but three judges gave the Memphis boxer only a total edge of 7 points. Many in the screaming crowd of about 1650 booed the decision, Freeman's 17th victory in 18 fights.

Freeman, addressing himself to those who feel he should win every fight on a KO, said, "This guy is a veteran boxer and any time you fight an experienced man you've not always going to look as good as you like."

In the other half of the main event, Southern Junior Light Welterweight Champ, slick punching, Jimmy Heair, 141, Houston, Miss, successfully continued on his quest to get back into the World Junior Welterweight scene by winning his 8th consecutive fight when he demolished a tough customer in Jerry Strickland, 142, Cincinnati, Ohio, at 2:21 of the 1st heat with a vicious body assault in a neutral corner. Strickland was counted out on his knees bent over with his gloves holding his head in obvious distress. Heair and his manager, rotund David Goodwin, are desperately trying to get matches with some of the world's top rated Junior Welterweights like Monroe Brooks, Saoul Mamby, and Tony Petronelli.

Probably the best brawl of the night was the 8 round semi-windup, which saw fast stepping featherweight, Earl Wilson, 124, Memphis, stop gamster Bobby Vascocu, 125½, Troup, Texas, on a TKO at 1:48 of the 5th heat. Wilson, who ran his record to 10-2, floored Vascocu in both the 4th and 5th rounds with wicked right crosses, but the gutsy Texan kept coming. Referee Gilberto Martinez finally stopped the fight at 2:37 of the 5th when Vascocu obviously had had enough.

In a four-rounder, newcomer to the Memphis fight scene, heavyweight Roberto Rocket, 203, U.S. Navy, Millington, Tenn., won his third pro fight as he KO'd flabby Don Martin, 207, Memphis, at 2:09 of the 1st round with a savage right-uppercut to the jaw. Also, in a four-round tussle welterweight Virtell Culp, 146, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over always durable Donnie London, 147, Little Rock, Ark.

In another four round clash, up and coming heavyweight prospect and former 1976 Mississippi Golden Glove Champ, stylish Larry Alexander, 208, Greenville, Miss., again impressed memphis fans as boxed and punched beautifully in TKOing Clifton Hayes, 206½, Olive Granch, Miss., at 2:14 of the 1st. In the curtain raiser of the evening, Memphian veteran Robert Echols, 199, displayed some awesome punching in pole axing Wolf Ray, 200, Troup, Tex. in 1:59 of the third round.

▲Holiday Inn-Rivermont, Memphis, Tenn. — In his toughest test to date, local favorite Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 125, proved to all concerned that he is ready, willing and able to begin tangling with some of the better featherweights around.

In ten bruising and agonizing rounds before a roaring packed house of 1900 fans, Freeman soundly and decisively trounced the 13th ranked U.S. Junior Lightweight Billy Pearish, 135, Joplin, Mo. via a close but unanimous decision. The battle drew a standing ovation when the bell sounded to end the 10th round.

Pearish, a classy fighter who outweighed Freeman by 10 pounds held the advantage in the early round by scoring effectively with fast and furious combinations to Freeman's body, However, the turning point came in the 5th canto, when Pearish accidently hit Freeman with a low blow. After being allowed time to recover, Freeman took charge of the bout with snappy left hooks and straight right hands to Pearish's jaw, shaking him on several occasions.

"His punches to the head weren't much but he had a terrific body shot, both high and low," said Freeman. "That accidental low punch took a lot out of me, it hurt so much I almost wanted to cry, but I figured I'd better get going."

In the co-main event, Jerry Celestine, 173, New Orleans, La., fast rising undefeated light heavyweight sensation and recent conqueror of the U.S. 6th ranked light heavyweight, Vonzell Johnson, scored his 8th consecutive win when he pounded out a solid 10-round unanimous decision over Ivy Brown, 174, an ex-Memphian now fighting out of Kansas City, Mo. Celestine, a convict in the New Orleans Parrish Prison and holder of the Southern Light Heavyweight title, won or tied every round while flooring Brown for an 8 count knock down in the 5th round. It appears that Celestine is getting the proper care and handling as he learning more and more with each fight. Remember, keep your eye on Jerry Celestine for he is going places in the light heavyweight scene.

In other bouts undefeated southpaw Michael Theriot, 146, also out of the same New Orleans stable, brought his record 7-0-1, by winning a unanimous 6 round decision over tough Shannon Williams, 143, Little Rock, Ark. Once again Theriot treated Memphis fans to a beautiful boxing exhibition as he displayed a fantastic arsenal of assorted punches which had Shannon on the receiving end all night. Heavyweight Steve Basse, 206, a very popular and successful Memphian hair stylist, who has a Joe Frazier rock and sock'em style won a unanimous 6 round decision over Jimmy Pearish, 198½, brother of Billy. In the 4-round curtain raiser, welterweight Virtell Culp, 146, Memphis won a split decision over Memphian veteran, Semmi Black, 145, who always fights his heart out for Memphis fans who appreciate Semmi, whether he wins or not.

▲Holiday Inn Rivermont, Memphis, Tenn. Before a vocal crowd of over 1,900, promoters Jack Lazarov and Red Fortner produced an action packed card featuring plenty of fireworks as 5 of the 6 bouts ended via the KO route.

Once again local Memphian darling and Southern junior welterweight champ Jimmy Heair, 141, Houston, Miss., headlined this spectacular show by scoring his 7th KO win in his last 8 outings in a 10 round main event over a tough cookie, tall and lanky Robert Turner, 139½, Witchita Falls, Tex., at 2:50 of the 5th.

Turner, who is managed by the very capable Doug Lord, one time manager of former welterweight king Curtis Cokes, gave Heair some early anxious moments in the first 2 rounds as he banged home solid rights to Jimmy's right optic causing considerable redness and minor abrasions. However, Heair was not to be denied another victory and in the 3rd round socked Turner into the ropes and belabored him with a vicious body assault, finally flooring him with a wicked left hook to the liver. Turner somehow weathered the storm until the bell saved him. At the start of the 4th canto, Heair picked up the tempo and continued his savage body assault as Turner tried desperately to counter with straight rights which often found their mark. Heair just shrugged these aside and moments later another volley of well placed body shots began a series of two 9 count knockdowns in the round which again found Turner being saved by the bell.

The end was inevitable. In the fatal 5th, a series of left hooks culminated by a tremendous right to the side of the head ended the contest.

The 8 round semifinal stole the show as undefeated 1976 Mississippi Golden Glove Champ, heavyweight Larry Alexander, 225, Greenville, Miss., suffered his first professional loss after 3 straight victories to the cagey Memphian veteran, Robert Echols, 215, by being knocked out at 2:25 of the 5th round. In the final minute of the 5th round, Alexander cornered Echols and unleased a rapid flurry of solid head and body punches which had Echols staggering and on the verge of a KO. Then suddenly, Alexander had shot his final bolt. Somehow Echols sensed this and quickly spun Alexander around into his own corner where he began his own attack and landed a booming left hook to the body followed by a crashing overhand right dropping Alexander flat on his back. Alexander gamely rose to his knees but could not beat the final count of ref Herman Stevens.

In a wild 6 round slugfest, former 1975 Tennessee Golden Glove Champ, Clarence Gilmore, 147, Memphis, also used an explosive body barrage to slow down a human buzzsaw in one James Pixley, 143, Ft. Smith, Ark., and viciously KO'd him at 2:05 of the 4th. Until the abrupt ending it was pretty even as both boys stood toe to toe slugging it out with neither one giving ground.

In a short lived 4 rounder, hard punching welterweight, Donnie London, 144, Little Rock, Ark., who always comes to fight, made short work of Melvin Young, 146, Memphis, by quickly icing him at 2:15 of the 1st canto.

In another 4 rounder, local newcomer to the Memphis scene and popular Memphian hair stylist, Steve Basse, 196, West Memphis, poleaxed an inept Dwight Morgan, 197, Memphis, at 2:59 of the 2nd.

The 4 round curtain raiser produced the tamest fight of the nite as heavyweight Roberto Rocket, 182, Memphis, recently out of the U.S. Navy, won his 3rd consecutive pro fight. He coped a unanimous lackluster decision over lanky James Dixon, 182, Memphis.

CURRY BATTERS DOWN GOMEZ

By CHRISTOPER COATS

Stockton — Sometimes a fight looks great on the poster, but lo and behold, it turns out to be a one-sided rout on the night of the fight. And so it was when Bruce Curry and Julio Gomez faced one another at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. On paper it looked like an ideal match up between welterweights, but Curry needed just seven minutes to hand Gomez his first knockout loss.

The first round was even, both fighters swung freely and both landed good shots. They went after one another like it was an old family feud. Curry bloodied Gomez's mouth at the end of the round.

In the second round, Gomez was rocked repeatedly by crisp hooks. He couldn't keep Curry off. The ring must have begun to look smaller and smaller to Gomez.

Gomez's lack of a decent jab enabled Curry to fight him straight on with uppercuts and hooks. Gomez, the welterweight champ of Chile, also arched his punches a little too much, and Curry took full advantage of it. He began to step in with short blows that soon had Gomez in trouble.

At the start of the third, Gomez had a small cut over his left eye, blood around his mouth and nose. He was tagged again and again. Finally, a right hand spun him around. A follow up left uncoiled him and he dropped to the canvas. Gomez managed to pull himself up, but barely. He signaled referee Terry Smith that he had had enough. The referee knew it, even the ushers knew it.

Curry, 144, from Phoenix, is now 13-0, and has knocked out Rudy Barro and Lion Furuyama in his last two fights. Under the management of ex-football coach Jessie Reid, Curry is a young man in a hurry. Manager Reid, who also manages light heavyweight Jessie Burnett, has a tentative match for Curry against Antonio Leyva next month in Stockton. Both Curry and Reid are waiting to hear about a possible fight with either Antonio Cervantes or WBC welter champ Jose Cuevas. Jessie Reid feels that Curry can campaign as either a junior welter or welterweight and will adjust his weight if the price is right.

The show was promoted by Otilio Bautista, with Frank Dobales doing the matchmaking. Both fellows are eager to see Curry return to the Stockton ring again.

In an opening six rounder, Tony Sanchez, Stockton, 132, knocked out Reynaldo Alvarez, Los Angeles, 129, halfway in the 2nd. Sanchez had very little difficulty with his foe and finally decked him with a left.

The only other bout of the evening saw promising Reynaldo Zrargoza win a six round decision over Genaro Gloria, 136, of Los Angeles. Zaragoza has plenty of potential but a strong dislike for the rigors of training.

▲Stockton, Calif. — World rated light heavyweight, Alvaro Lopez used an assortment of punches to knock out Chuck Warfield, of Chicago, in the fourth of a scheduled ten at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Lopez returned to action in his hometown for the first time since losing a close decision to WBA champ Victor Galindez in Rome, three months ago.

Warfield came to Stockton with a lot of optimism, but only fair credentials; with a reported record of 19 wins, (13 by knockout), and 4 losses. According to his manager, Al DeRosa, Warfield was robbed of a decision victory over Mike Quarry last year in Orlando, Fla. Manager DeRosa must have a lot to complain about, if his fighter was robbed in Orlando, he was literally mugged in Stockton.

After a cautious start, Lopez took command of the fight halfway through the second round when he staggered Warfield with a right-left-right combination. Warfield, 177, fought back but was dropped by a short right.

In the third, Lopez had Warfield down on the canvas twice. Showing the confidence that comes from having fought for the championship, Lopez was very cool and methodical as he scored to the body and head with combinations. Give Warfield a lot of credit, he has a big heart.

In the fourth round Lopez's very first punch dazed his opponent. A follow-up left dropped him. Warfield had less of a chance than a bull at the packing plant. Up at eight, Warfield was in trouble and in the wrong place to get help. Lopez bounded across the ring and one clean right hand shot ended the fight at 0.43 into the round.

Lopez has a tentative match against Mike Rossman in Madison Square Garden. Rossman injured his right hand in his last outing, and if it gets the medical seal of approval, then Lopez and Rossman should be fighting around the time this article reaches the newsstands.

The show was promoted by Al Nunes, with Jack Cruz, the jovial father-in-law of Lopez, acting as the matchmaker. The gate was $$11,219, with a paid attendance of 1,664.

In the preliminaries: Juan Villa, 128, Sacramento, was awarded a TKO win over crafty veteran Tony Sanchez, 130, Stockton, when Sanchez's badly cut left eye forced him to quit; Darly Jones, 118, Los Angeles, jabbed and stabbed Tony Fernandez, 118, San Carlos, and won a six round decision; Fred Larona, 149, Los Angeles, won a split verdict over Curtis Lewis, 148, Los Angeles, in six rounds. Lewis tired badly in the second half.

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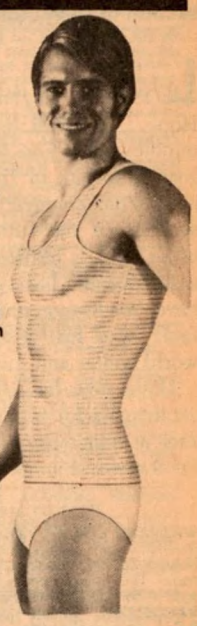

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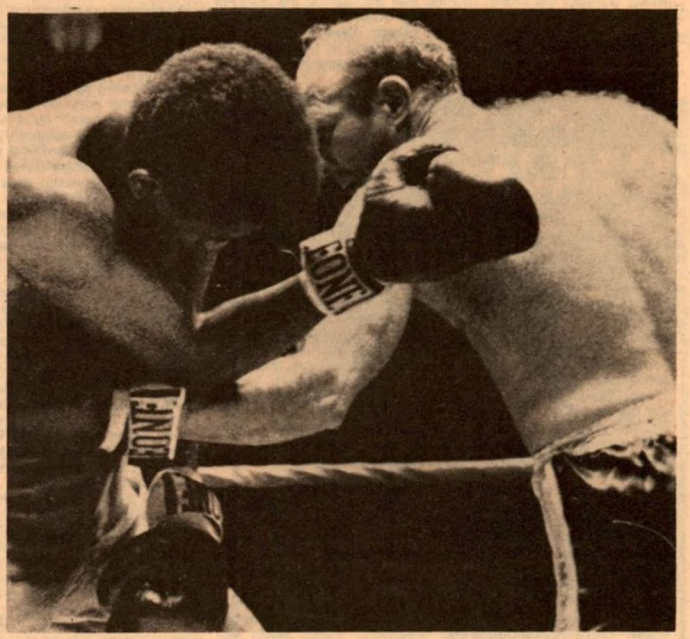

(Above left) Britain's Maurice Hope raises his arms in victory as referee Sanchez Vilar counts out France's Joel Bonnetaz in the fifth round of their EBU light middleweight contest. (Above right) Veteran Italian middleweight Sandro Mazzinghi, right, connects to the mid-section of Dave Adkins, Boston, Mass., in Mazzinghi's comeback bout. The Italian won the fight.

LONDON, England — Southpaw Maurice Hope retained his E.B.U. junior middleweight title via a kayo over France's Joel Bonnetaz in five rounds. Referee Sanchez Vilar counted the Frenchman out at 25 seconds of the fifth. This was a one-sided affair, and as he was counted out Joel looked as if he could have gotten up, but that would have made no sense. Bonnetaz' claim to fame was his upset decision over former world welter and middle king Emile Griffith.

Hope now has cleared up all the E.B.U. challengers for his title, and now hopes for a shot at either Rocky Mattioli or Eddie Gazo for the world junior middleweight crown.

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▲ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND—Middleweight Rudi Koopmans outpointed Brazil's Juarez de Lima over ten rounds. Scottish junior middle John Smith, outpointed former Yugoslavia amateur star Marijan Benes, eight.

▲ROTTERDAM—Adrie Huusen won the Dutch junior middleweight title, with a 12 round win over Stan Van Den Deiessche in a bitterly contested bout.

Avenemar Peralta, Argentina, outpointed Holland's Henny Thoonen; junior middle Marian Benes kayoed Mick Minter in two; England's Barry Price beat Chuco Zinnerman, Dutch Antilles, six.

▲ITALY—Two comebacks are in the news, Bruno Arcari and Sandro Mazzinghi bot hit the comeback trail.

▲TURIN—Bruno Arcari, former WBC junior welterweight king, made Puerto Rico's Justice Ortiz his first victim on his comeback. He outpointed the American over ten rounds, in a welter contest.

▲MILANO—39-year-old Sando Mazzinghi, also on a comeback, outpointed another American Dave Adkins, Cincinnati, Ohio, over ten rounds in a middleweight bout. Sandri's last bout seven years ago, he was kayoed in eight rounds by Willie Warren, Dallas, Texas.

▲RIMINI—World ranked lightweight Giancarlo Usai, retained his Italian lightweight title, with a twelve round nod over Vicenzo Quero.

▲DENMARK—Uganda's Ayub Kalule scored his biggest win to date when he kayoed former World junior middleweight king Miguel Angel Castellini, Argentina, in three rounds. The ringside doctor stopped the bout due to a cut over the bridge of Miguel's nose. At this time of the bout the ex-champ was a beaten man. Ayub hammered him non-stop for the first two rounds.

Former British and E.B.U. middleweight king Bunny Sterling, outpointed Ugandan light heavy Mustapha Wasjja, over eight rounds.

Ex-E.B.U. welterweight king Jorgen Hansen scored a sixth round kayo over Steve Angell.

Rounding out the card England's Phil Martin, in a poor bout, outpointed Norway's Harold Skog over eight rounds, in their light heavy contest.

▲BELGIUM, IZEGEM—Former E.B.U. heavyweight king Jean Pierre Coopman, Belgium, was held to a ten round draw by England's Tony Moore. This was a tuneup for Coopman, before meeting Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, in a E.B.U. heavyweight title contest. Jean-Pierre was hard pressed and had to win the last round to earn the draw.

▲TEMSE—Junior middleweight Mon Langewouters beat Jean-Pierre Heirman, via TKO, in five.

▲LA LOUVIERE—Bernard Artone, junior middleweight decisioned Michel Parent, eight; junior welter, Eric Capossela, outpointed Omar Kardenis, six.

▲LAUWE—Lightweight Messaoud Bouachiba won from Gerard Bok over ten rounds; Eric Seys TKO'd Jean Grandjean in seven, middles; heavyweight Robert Desnoeck drew with Mohammed Galloul, Algeria, six.

▲PALMA DE MALLORCA—Isidoro Cabeza retained his Spanish junior middleweight title against Miguel Molleda, twelve rounds. Welter Aureliano Guemes beat J. Mesa, via TKO, three; Rodriguez II decisioned Martin Antich, eight.

▲PALMA DE MALLORCA—Former WBC junior middle king Jose Duran, kayoed someone listed as Antone Oke (Dahomey) in six; bantam Martin Antich beat Valeriano Morales, eight.

▲LEON—Featherweight Roberto Castanon outpointed Hector Molina, of Chile, eight, and Jose Fernandez beat Antonio Casado, eight, welters.

▲FRANCE, LYON—Ex-E.B.U. junior welter champion Rene Roque, accidentally shot and killed his wife. Rene was showing a gun to his friends, when it went off. Roque thought the rifle was unloaded.

DUNKIRK—Joe Kimpuani in a tune-up before his WBC title contest against Shengsak Muangsurin, Thailand, won over American Justice Ortiz.

MARSEILLES—Louis Acaries beat England's Achille Speedy Mitchell, in a ten round welterweight contest.

ALGIERS—Loucif Hamani, Algiers, retained his African junior middle title, by stopping Simon Rifeo, Cameroon, in the twelfth round.

CREIL—Michel Siracusa outpointed Gerard Jacob, to win the French featherweight title, 12 rounds.

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DENNY LIFTS TITLE FROM LAPOINTE

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal — The close to 4,000 fans that showed up for promoter Regis Levesque card held at the Paul Sauve Arena had full value for their money seeing forty one rounds of boxing which included a Canadian lightweight championship bout which ended up with a new champion.

In the main event for the Canadian Lightweight championship, Cleveland Denny, Montreal, 133, became the new title holder with a unanimous decision over the champion Jean Lapointe, Montreal, 133. The action started very shortly after the initial bell when Lapointe tried to slip a long left hand lead by Denny. Coming under the lead Lapointe was slightly off balance and was caught with a hook to the chin and went to the canvas. The referee ruled it as a slip and there was no count. Constantly moving and using his height and long reach to good advantage Denny set the pattern for the fight. Lapointe the aggressor in order to turn the fight his way tried to come under the jabbing of his opponent and get to the body hoping to make Denny drop his hands. At the bell to end the opening round the cool and calm manner in which Denny handled himself left little doubt of his confidence to win a national title.

The first six rounds of the bout were fought at a very fast clip, the tenacious Lapointe never taking a backward step from the smooth boxing Denny. Stung several times by the accurate and sharp punching of Denny, Lapointe would storm back in the effort to get in close, trap his man in a corner or land a bomb with an overhand right. Denny just stayed in there with his boxing and it paid off.

In rounds seven and eight Denny switched the pattern of the fight when he became the aggressor and went to work on the body of Lapointe with stinging hooks, Lapointe was still unable to get in close to cut down the punching power of Denny who was at this point taking complete control. Rounds nine and ten saw Denny resume his role as boxer by letting Lapointe come to him. It was in the tenth round with time running short for the defending champion that he tried a big overhand right to the chin of his taller opponent, a sizzling left hook by Denny which landed flush on the jaw of Lapointe dropped him dead in his tracks and the count reached to eight before the champion was able to regain his feet. Following up his attack Denny poured it on and at the bell he had won his biggest round. With the fight well under control Denny paced himself well for the final two rounds, his title slipping away from him, Lapointe never gave up trying, he chased Denny from corner to corner only to be met by stinging jabs that jolted his head back. The fans were standing and applauding long before the final bell, they had witnessed a real championship fight and were showing their appreciation. At the final bell the decision handed down by the officials read 57-52, 58-52 and 56-55 in favor of Denny who became the new Canadian lightweight champion.

In the middleweight semi-final over ten rounds Jean Claude Leclair , Montreal, 161¼, was forced to go the distance against Gary Bailey, New York, 167, and was very unimpressive in winning a unanimous decision. The only time that Bailey was in trouble was in the third round when he took a pair of eight counts after Leclair had trapped him in a corner and cut loose with a flurry of blows. Bailey took all the shots that Leclair could dish out for the entire fight.

In an eight round bout Gaeton Hart, Hull, 135, who in his last outing lost a real slugfest against Cleveland Denny showed a complete reversal of form by completely outboxing and outclassing Barry Sponagle, New Glasgow, 137¾. Although still showing signs of some of the facial injuries he had received in his loss against Denny, Hart stayed with boxing for the entire fight and his complete domination over Sponagle was evident when at the conclusion of the bout the officials gave every round to Hart on the scores of 40-32, 40-32 and 40-33.

In a rugged hard fought eight round middleweight bout Daniel Levesque, Montreal, 153, won his 31st win and remains unbeaten after taking a split decision over Alain Turenne, Montreal, 148. Through the entire fight it was Levesque who forced the action and made the fight, Turenne chose to stay in close and score with short punches to the body and head. Against the twenty year old Levesque he was in with a boxer who also scores very well close in. At the end of the seventh round Turenne went to his corner with a badly damaged ear as the result of the short powerful hooks he had received from Levesque. In the final sixty seconds of the closing round a left hook by Levesque opened up a gash over the right eye of Turenne, the referee had the commission doctor take a look at it and the bout was allowed to proceed and the final bell rang before any further damage was done. Two of the officials had it tabbed 40-34 and 40-32 for Levesque while the third official was away off base when he called it 40-40.

Over six rounds a newcomer to the Montreal area Larry Lewellyn, 146½, gave Ray Rose, Montreal, 147½, a real going over before the bout was halted at the 1.22 mark of the 4th round. Lewellyn who was taking part in his third pro bout completely overwhelmed the veteran Rose who was making his reappearance in Montreal after a lengthy absence.

▲**Toronto** — In less than a month Canadian light-heavyweight champion Gary Summerhays, Brantford, faced two of the top light heavyweight contenders in the U.S.A. In a bout with Mike Rossman, Summerhays gave a good account of himself and landed a few bombs of his own before the decision went to Rossman. Twenty three days later Summerhays was back in action against Michael Spinks the unbeaten former Olympic Gold Medal winner. After the very tough fight that Summerhays gave Rossman and then go back into action at such short notice it gave a big advantage to Spinks. Once again Summerhays stayed the distance and in doing so showed up some of the flaws in the build-up of Spinks who at times looked completely frustrated at his inability to put the stubborn Canadian fighter away. Although losing a unanimous decision to Spinks in a post fight interview seen on TV, the Canadian champion was high in his praise for the young Spinks.

▲**Toronto** — The buildup of Nicky Furlano, Toronto, continues. The services of forty year old Al Franklin, Minneapolis, were used as an opponent. Going through the motions for eight rounds Franklin ended up a decision loser. In the second pro bout on the card Zack Page, Ohio, upset the local fans when he nudged out a split decision over Damiano Pellegrino, Toronto, after eight rounds.

▲**Winnipeg** — At the Winnipeg Convention Centre with some 3,000 fans on hand Ralph Racine, Niagara Falls, 133, won a split decision after ten action packed rounds against Al Ford, Edmonton, 135. The bout was fought on rather even terms during the opening rounds and it was at the midway mark that Racine really applied the pressure to his opponent. Rounds seven and eight found the Edmonton fighter stemming the aggressiveness of Racine. The final two rounds were fought at a brisk pace with Racine forcing the issue. At the end of a very good bout the officials called it 47-45, 48-45 for Racine with the third judge calling it 45-45.

Also over ten rounds, Commonwealth welterweight champion Clyde Gray, Toronto, 152, needed only four rounds to dispose of Larry Smith, Tacoma, Wash., 150. Smith was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round.

In a heavyweight eight rounder, ageless Al Sparks, Winnipeg, 186, making his return to ring action after an absence of almost three years did it the hard way. Spotting George Jerome, Vancouver, some thirty eight pounds in weight Sparks gave the rough, tough Jerome a boxing lesson to walk off with a unanimous decision. There were no knockdowns in the fight which ended up with two of the judges scoring 40-33, 40-34 with the third seeing it 38-33 all in favour of the local fighter. Over four rounds Wayne Caplette, Winnipeg, 162¼, made his pro debut a winning one when he stopped Terry Jesmer, Winnipeg, 168, at the 2.59 of the third.

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4. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
5. Robert Amory (F)
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8. Onelio Grando (I)
9. Gerald Bois (F)
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2. Jean Mateo (F)
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7. Mario Romersi (I)
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3. Joel Bonnetaz (F)
4. Gilbert Cohen (F)
5. Claude Martin (F)
6. Mimoun Mohatar (F)
7. Josef Pachler (A)
8. Vincent Ungaro (I)
9. Jean Andre Emmerich (G)
10. Marcel Giordanella (F)

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* Jorg Eipel (G)
1. Jorgen Hansen (D)
2. Alois Carmeliet (B)
3. Francois Leon (S)
4. Alain Martin (F)
5. Horacio Ruiz (S)
6. Tony Ortiz (S)
7. Marco Scano (I)
8. Giovanni Moleslini (I)
9. Luciano Borracia (I)
10. Louis Acaries (F)

Junior Welters
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3. Fernando Sanchez (S)
4. Bruni Freshi (I)
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6. Jean Saadli (F)
7. Efisio Pinna (I)
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4. Vincenzo Quero (I)
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7. Manuel Velasquez (S)
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2. Juan Francisio Rodriguez (S)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Jacky Bihin (F)
5. Daniel Triolaire (F)
6. Luigi Tessarin (F)
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Camp Y-Noah has been in operation since 1927, serving thousands of young people through summer adventure and sports camps. Affiliated with the Akron YMCA, Camp Y-Noah offers a complete camping experience, with such varied activities as horsevack riding, swimming, boating, canoeing, hiking, fishing and tennis.

The 1977 boxing camp is headed by Sean Matheny, program coordinator; and coaches Bill Sawyers and John Cerrone. Matheny, who was a finalist in the open heavyweight class of the 1977 Akron Golden Gloves, has been on the Akron Y staff for three years and on the camp's staff for two years. Sawyers, who has been a boxing coach for 15 years, has taken boxing teams to Canada and all over the United States. Cerrone, who actually learned how to box from Benny Leonard, the all-time lightweight great, has been around boxing for 55 years, 42 of them as a coach.

In addition to the staff, a panel of six guest coaches will help the campers. The panel includes Earnie Shavers, the hard-punching heavyweight who fought Muhammad Ali, Ronnie Harris, undefeated mikkleweight who was a gold medalist in the 1968 Olympics; Pete Rademacher, 1956 Olympic heavyweight gold medalist who fought Floyd Patterson for the world championship; Doyle Baird, who fought then-middleweight rated light heavyweight for more than a decade, and Fate Davis of Akron, who met the best welterweights and middleweights for more than ten years, and who has much experience working with young boxers.

Daily schedule for the boxing campers will start with roadwork at 7A.M. After breakfast at 8, there will be a morning workout session, followed by organized recreational activities. Another long workout session will follow lunch, and then there will be two hours of camp activities before supper. In addition, there will be planned evening activity-- sparring, movies, etc.

It appears that any boy interested in boxing, whether he's never had a lesson or he's a nationally-ranked amateur--could benefit from this training experience, and as camps go, the price($80) certainly is right. For further information, contact Bill Cassidy, Camp Director, 80 W. Center Street, Akron, Ohio

International competition continues at a strong and steady pace. First a 16-man United States team make a highly successful sweep of Scandinavia, and then the Irish National Boxing Team invaded the U.S. for three engagements against local teams from the Northeast. While the U.S. swing through Northern Europe produced more satisfactory results from an American point of view, the Irish tour may have been more significant. The fact that the visitors were not meeting the seasoned internationalists of the U.S., but rather were matched against local teams from the Northeast.

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The success of the Irish tour confirmed the belief expressed by Lou Duva, the tour director, and Colonel Don Hull, AAU boxing coordinator, that meets with many small countries could be handled by local promoters in conjunction with the AAU. In this way a wide variety of amateur boxers could get the chance to take part in international competition.

Putting local fighters against foreign champions in small clubs around the country would be a big boost to amateur boxing, Duva said.

Predictably, the Irish went home with the majority of the honors, although in the opener at Paterson, they were defeated by the Jersey Gladiators, a new club consisting mostly of New Jersey Golden Gloves champs and finalists. With a sell-out crowd of 3,000 lending noisy support, the Americans won six of the nine bouts.

The Irish won, 4-2, in Scranton, the second stop on the tour, and five nights later in Lowell, they pulled out a 5-4 verdict. Attendance was good for both of these cards, too.

Two pairs of brothers took the spotlight for the Americans in Paterson and Lowell. Mikkleweight Rusty Rosenberger, imported by the Jersey Gladiators from Warren, Ohio, was named the outstanding boxer in Paterson after scoring an impressive decision over Ed McDonnell of Belfast. Rusty's younger brother, Razor, defeated welterweight Matt Cowan of Dublin.

Dominick and Fred Roach of Boston both scored knockouts in Lowell. They are Bantamweights. Sominick, a former New England Golden Gloves champion, halted Sean Russel in the first round, and Fred stopped John Finn in the third.

The American standouts in Scranton were Joe Cox, at 165, and heavyweight Marty Capasso, who won in two and one round, respectively.

Top stars in the U.S.team's triumphant swing through Norse country were heavyweight Rick Jester (Detroit), light welter Ronnie Shields (Port Arthur, Texas), bantam Jerry Smith (Shreveport, Louisiana), and welterweight Fred tuttle (Bowie,Maryland). Each amn had four wins and no losses.

The Americans breezed through matches in Helsinki, Finland(USA7, Finland 2); Aalborg, Denmark (USA10, Denmark?West Germany 0); Vejle, Denmark (USA 8, Denmark?West Germany 3); Flensburg, West Germany (USA6, West Germany 3), and Goteborg, Sweden(USA9-Sweden 0). It added up to forty wins in forty-eight bouts for the Americans.

There was only one 1976 Olympian among the tourists, Clint Jackson, the light middleweight from Nashville, Tennessee. Jackson was a winner on the first two stops, but then had to return home because of the illness of his father.

Two Americans were three-for-three. They were light welter Thomas Hearns of Detroit and featherweight Wayne Lynmun of Chicago. Heavyweight James Tillis of Oklahoma City won his two bouts and flyweight Wilfredo Esperon, from Beale Air Force Base, California, won his only bout.

Heavyweight Perscell Davis of Detroit had a 4-1 record on the tour. His lone defeat came to the hands of West German Olympic veteran Peter Hussing. Lindell Holmes, middleweight from Toledo, Ohio, also turned in a strong showing. He had a

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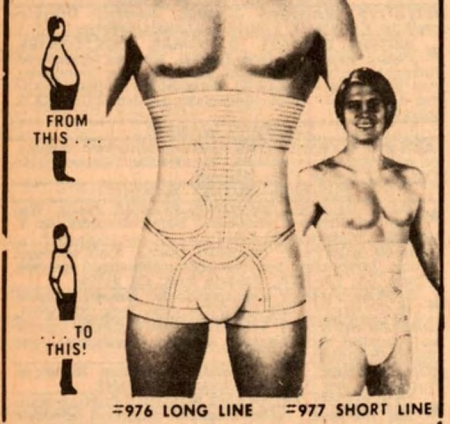

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FIVE MINUTES TO REVIVE ROY LEE

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

International Boxing Programme Promoted by Kenneth "Jap" King Fook at Sparrow's Hideaway, Petit Valley in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, where a fair crowd saw Wendell Joseph, 173 lb. heavyweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago taking all that Roy Lee 166½ lbs. middleweight champion of Jamaica had to offer up to the 6th round. Up came round seven and Wendell moved in with a left-right combination to face and to Lee's body that had Roy in trouble with blood streaming down his face from a cut over the eye and a bump on the fore-head. Emilio San Chez, his Chief Cornerman, worked feverishly on Roy's face. Then came round eight which was bed-time for the Jamaica after receiving a right hook to the chin, he staggered and Wendell kept on punching away at the man who had out pointed him in 1968. Lee's eyes were glassy, and his legs wobbling he hit the canvas, face down and was counted out in 2:23 of the eighth round.

It took the ringside doctors almost five minutes to revive Lee. He was then rushed to the Port of Spain General Hospital, where he was kept until discharged at 9:00 A.M. the following morning.

In the semi final, Michael Parson, 145 of Trinidad and Tobago, won a narrow unanimous decision from Charlton Bent, 143, of Jamaica in 8.

Harold "Kid Chocolate" Bernard, 133½, TKOed Cleve Nicholls, 133, in 1:02 of the first round.

Winston Granger, 156, won a close split decision from up and coming Gaston Saunders, 160 in it's second professional contest over 8 rounds.

FRANKLIN TOPS ROYSTER

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa.—Local light hiavyweight standout Matthew Franklin stayed hot with a ten-round unanimous decision over Lee "Junior" Royster before a gathering of 6,459 fans at the Spectrum.

Passaic, N.J.Before a sparse crowd, Mario Rosa of Paterson dicisioned Vandell Woods of Brighton in a ten round light heavyweight bout at Passaic, New Jersey's Central theatre. Rosa, displaying a good jab and fine combinations, opened a cut over Woods' left eye in the fourth round. Rosa (176) continued to press the attack but suffered a cut under the right eye in the eighth round. Woods (175) took the eighth and ninth rounds but was outclassed by a showboating Rosa in the final minutes losing unanimously on the referee and judges card, 6-2-2.

Marvin Jenkins (146)—a classy welterweight from Charleston, S.C.—made his pro debut and the former amateur champion took every round in defeatin Lloyd Blake (145) Mahwah in a six rounder. Veteran Alonzo Johnson was in Jenkins corner and this welterweight is a fighter to keep your eye on.

In four rounders: Greg Williams (128) knocked out Jimmy Nelson (134) in the first round. Nelson was out for a full six minutes. Teddy Mann(156) uncorked a solid right hand and put Ray Daren (158) away in 1:44 of the third. Richard Roy (200), protege of Drew Bundini and Jimmy Ellis, made short work of Alex Carr (205) with a right to the body in .35 seconds of the second round. Jerry Santiago(128) won a close decision over MIVER(133).

▲West New York Recreation Center—Luke Ervin, the 32-year-old Bayonne veteran who was stripped of his New Jersey State lightweight title because of a self-imposed retirement, fought Kearny's Johnny Sullivan to a draw, then pulled off a miraculous comeback in an overtime round, to win back his championship before a small but enthusiastic crowd at the West New York Rec33).

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It was a close battle, with Ervin using his left jab to take command in the early going and Sullivan's mauling style taking it's toll on Ervin later on.

In the overtime round—the second in the history of New Jersey boxing— the two fighters stood toe to toe until the final bell, much to the delight of the standing fans. Ervin landing more blows as Sullivan was swinging wildly.

Gino Perez, winner of the National AAU junior title, successfully make his pro debut with a decision over Luther Parks. In other bouts, middleweight Paddy Young—son of the famed Paddy young who fought throughout the 40's—decisioned Dan Perez. Hilton Whitaker decisioned Ray Bryant in a middleweight bout, and Tommy McNeece decisioned Dave Morn in a light-heavy bout.

▲Elizabeth Armory, Elizabeth N.J.—Heavyweight Joe Alexander earned a 10-round unanimous decision over GeeGee Maldanado. Alexander raised his record to 12-4-0 by avoiding the heavier Maldanado(236-½) and landing combinations. Alexander (224-½) fought in flurries and seemed to confuse GeeGee throughout the fight...there were no knockdowns.

Maldanado, now 11-7-1, warned only two rounds from referee Paul Venti and one from judge Paul Cavaliere. Each gave Alexander seven rounds and judge Sammy Sangis scored it a shutout.

It was Sol and Alex Fleischer's first boxing promotion and produced a dissappointing 800 fans. Alex worked hard on this," said brother Sol, "we wanted to bring boxing back to Elizabeth." The brothers—Alex owns a Elizabeth movie theater and Sol is a butcher—were not discouraged. "We'll have to evaluate what happened here tonight and see where we'll go," commented Alex Fleischer.

In the prelims, Nutley, New Jersey fighter Bobby Mann (140-1/2) outpointed Pete O'Keefe (145) in four rounds. Curtis Goines (183-1/2) won a unanimous decision over Hilliard Edmonds (179) in six. Bobby Patterson (159-1/2) knocked out Matt Donovan (160) at 0:21 of the fourth round of an eight-rounder. In the eight round walkout bout Eugene Green (228-1/2) outpointed Jerry Tomkins (205). Gerald Hayes (132) gained an eight-round split decision over Rufus Miller (135-3/4) who won a four round nod at Madison Square Garden 24 hours earlier.

▲At Nanuet, New York's Star Theater—inthe round—Brooklynites Johnny Turner and Julio Garcia fought a rematch of their Madison Square Garden Slugfest with Turner (144) again taking the decision. Turner gave away four pounds and not only out-boxed but outfought Garcia in close quarters. Turner, who raised his record to an impressive 21-1-1, with 15 KO's, won on referee Vince Rainone's card 7-2-1. Judges Nick Gambole and Harold Lederman saw it 5-4-1 and 7-3 respectively. The final round was a toe-to-toe battle that saw Turner staggered momentarily but came back with short chopping lefts and rights to finish imprissively.

Pat Maloney (147) of the Bronx decisioned Wellie Davis (140) of White Plains, N.Y. in an wight rounder.

Tony Danza of Brooklyn survived two knockdowns in the first round and caught Richie Garcia of Puerto Rico with a right hand with 14 seconds of the same round to win by a knockout. Both fighters weighed 160 pounds and there was more action in the 2:46 of the scheduled four rounder to last the crowd of close to 2.000 all evening.

Tom Healy (210) of Bayside, N.Y. decisioned Matt Robinson (214) of Baltimore in a six rounder.

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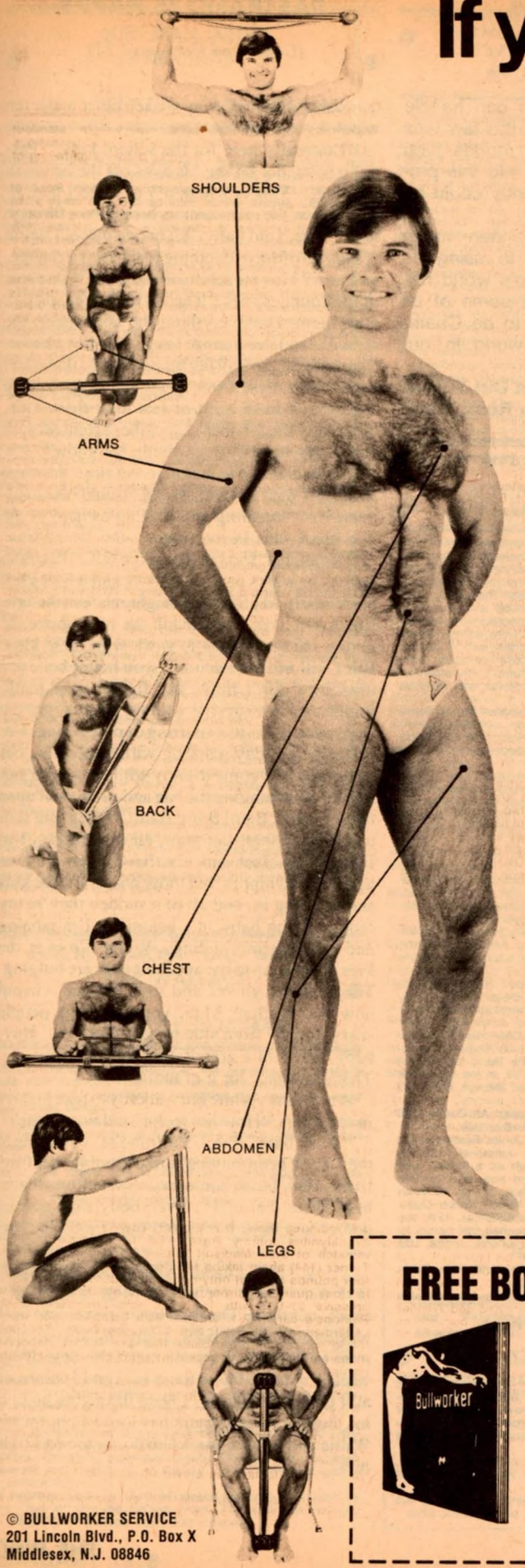

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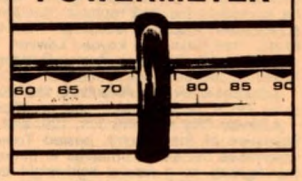

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WYANT OVER RICHARDSON

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Hamilton, Ohio — Mike Wyant 153, Hamilton, won by K.O. over Lloyd Richardson 154, Buffalo, at 1.20 of the third round; Jamie Thomas 167, Cincinnati, won an 8 round decision from Don Rucker 172, Buffalo; Gary "The Hammer" Alexander 170, Alliance, won an unanimous 6 round deicison from Manuel Collazo 176, New York; Don Morgan 154, Nashville, won a 6 round decision from Gary "Killer" Coates 155, Alliance; Juan LaPorte 123, New York, won by K.O. from Charly Green 129, Cincinnati, at 1.36 of the first round.

▲Cleveland, Ohio — William "Red" Berry 125, Philadelphia, won a hard fought 10 round decision from Bill Whipple 127, Youngstown. Albert Collazo 132, Pittsburg, won by T.K.O. from Frankie Maldonado 127, Boston, at 1.41 of the fourth round; Art McKnight 147, Mansfield, won a 6 round decision from Ron Pettigrew 148, Cleveland. McKnight is now 9-0 as a pro; Terry Mims 188, Cleveland K.O.'ed Gus Turner at 56 seconds of the first round—Turner also hails from Cleveland, and weighed 189; Jose Guttierez 178, Lorain, won a 6 round decision from Mose Robinson 169, Philly; Eddie Everett 140, Philadelphia, won a 6 round decision from Eddie Graves 139, Youngstown, Ohio.

▲Cincinnati, Ohio — Roy Dale 161, Cincinnati, won a ten round unanimous decision from Tumbler Davis, 158, New York; Aaron Pryor 137, Cincinnati, won by TKO from Angel Cintron 135, New York in the third round. (Cuts.); Mike Wyant 153, Hamilton, won by TKO in the fourth from Tony Johnson 154, Columbus. (Cuts); Bill Ratliff 168, Louisville, KOed Sammy Gonzales 176, New York, at 2.06 of the third round; Juan LaPorte 125, New York, won a four round decision from Jerry Strickland 133, Cincinnati, Ohio.

RODRIGUEZ READY FOR RATED FIGHTERS

BY JIMBUSS

Allentown, Pa.—Allentown lightweight Willie(Fireball) Rodriguez is ready for world class competition and recognition.

The 22-year-old lanky battler returned to action after a 3-½month layoff and scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Philadelphian Quenton Blackman before a poor crowd of 300 in Central Catholic High School's Rickne Hall.

Rodriguez (11-2) had not fought since May 14 when he lost a six-round verdict to Sugar Ray Leonard in Baltimore.

Rodriguez admitted being somewhat out of shape and even thinking of quitting the ring before the fight. But he scored well with the left jab and hook and occasional right uppercut to win nine rounds from two judges and all 10 from the referee in the feature attraction promoted by John P. Florio and the Lehigh Athletic Club.

Rodriguez floored Blackman, who showed tremendous courage and stamina, in the third and ninth rounds for eight counts. Blackman also suffered a cut left eyelid which required stiching.

Rodriguez is seeking a rematch with Leonard, a 1976 Olympic champion, over a 10-round route. Rodriguez's manager-trainer John A. Florio said his fighter is ready for anyone in the division and should be ranked among the top 15 in the United States. On the undercard in a scheduled six-rounder, Philadelphia heavyweight Marvin Stinson(2-0) destroyed Will Payne of Albany, N.Y. at 1:56 of the second round. Payne, making his pro debut, was knocked down on his face with a flurry of punches in neutral corner. He was also put sown in the first round.

Another scheduled six-rounder saw middleweight Billy Wareham of(Warminster) Pa.(7-1, 4KO's) stop John Ross of Philadelphia at 2:55 of the first round when Ross received a bad cut above the left eye which required 30 stiches.

Three four-rounders went the distance with Philadelphia light-weight Ron Aurit (4-0) winning an unanimous verdict over Al Huff of Atlantic City, N.J.; Allentown junior welterweight Alseneo Green (2-1) whipping veteran Ray Hall of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (18-7-1).

Aurit scored a first-round knockdown. Green and Muse exchanged knockdowns. Cruz, Despite his lack of experience, mauled Hall with some good left jabs and hooks and right hand leads. Cruz and Green appear to be well on their way to being top-flight fighters.

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PUNCH LINES

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to see how well us women can handle ourselves in the ring and if the law was changed to allow longer rounds you would see more women go into this profession as then the real money could be made by all of us women.

This law change would then make promoters more amenable to using us regularly and then a women's world rating could be published and some of us would be fortunate enough to be Champions of the whole wide world in our weight class.

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GUZMAN KO'S PRATIP

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Manila — Dan Guzman, 142, Junior Welterweight champion, kayoed Santapa Pratip 142, of Thailand in the 10th and last round. Guzman was well conditioned to fight 20 rounds. He handled his rival in any manner he pleased but could not downed him. The toughness of the Thailander is his main asset. Finally, in the last round, he was unable to fight and gave up. Alberto Cruz, 151½, decisioned Aquilino Nicolas, 150½, in 10 rounds. Both boys were willing mixers who started the fireworks from the first to the last 10 rounds with Nicolas holding the upper hand. Cesar Amazan, 119, stopped Lorrie Garcia, 117½ in the 4th round. Lorrie was fast but Cesar was stronger. The presentation was well handled by Paciencia Hitosis.

▲Clark Air Base — Boy Reyes, 128 defeated Danny Basa, 129, in 10 rounds in the American Air Base, promoted by Antonio Esguerra. As the fans are all Americans, Mr. Esguerra made a hit with his presentation. Reyes bedame the favorite with his style and punching power.

▲Davao City — Roldan Jumuad, 136, beat Joe Rotoni, 127, in 10 rounds in a card promoted by Andres Ong. Roldan became the master of Rotoni as the rounds progressed. Gar Atayde, 141, won over William Gotera, 129, in 10 rounds. Danilo Gonzaga, 106, drew with Little Carupo, 107, in 10. The decision was well received.

▲Bulacan — Rolly Garcia Ramos, 111 knocked out Dic Arcega, 112, in the 8th of a scheduled 10. Garcia was too clever and strong for the Dic Baby. The card was a presentation of Rufino Gravador. Rene Cruz Jr., 122, had badly outpointed Cesar Liara, 123, in 10 rounds. Cruz made a punching bag out of Liara, who proved to be a good catcher.

▲Clark Air Base — Jun Gallega, 128, defeated Milo Villareal, 128, in 10 in the show promoted Antonio Esguerra. Gallego has more experience and ring savvy. Milo needs more ring experience for better bouts.

▲Quirino — Sandy Noora, 124, stopped Ramon Ignacio, 125, in 2 rounds in a show presented by Grego Garcia. Sandy was too strong for Ignacio. It was a mere workout for Sandy.

▲Baguio City — Rey Tam, 130, and Junior Lightweight Champion, had an easy sailing with Ray Bansam, 130, whom he kayoed in the 2nd round in the Antonio Esguerra sponsored show. It was an even fight from the 1st to the second round. Fred Basa, 134 kayoed Lawyer, 134, in the 8th of the scheduled 10. Basa has more experience. George Tam, 123 halted Ric Moreno, 123 in the 7th.

▲Cotabato — Flor Tolentino, 135 stopped Art Galula, 135 in the 7th of the Scheduled main event of 10 rounds.

▲Davao City — Nene Jun, 129, and Junior Featherweight champion of the country, bested Tony Jumao-as, 129, by unanimous decision. Jumao-as is through as a fighter, who had fighting as a natural lightweight and now is a feather. Andy Balaba, 106 defeated Wilson Castilion, 111, in 10. Andy was fast and clever for the slow moving Wilson. Cesar Ligan, 117, bested Flor Tampos, 119, in 10. Eddie Cejas, 129, outpointed Winnie Guinieta, 127, in 10. Cejas had fast hands for Winnie. George Pedroso, 107, defeated Leonardo Jagda, 109, in 10. It was presented by Agustin Garcia.

▲Laguna — Brigildo Canada, 109, drew with Felix Gaan, 109, in 10 presented by Esteban Doctora.

DANIELS COPS NOD

By JIM ROMEL

Kingsport, Tennessee — Anthony Daniels, 145, Fairmont, West Virginia, won a unanimous decision over Texas welterweight champion Raul Aguirre, 148, San Antonio, Texas in 10 hard rounds. This was Daniels' 16th fight without a loss.

Also on the card Percy Hairston, 180, of Kingsport, Tenn., who won by a two round knockout over Big Bill Jackson, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Eddie Roberts, 152, of Kingsport, Tenn., won by a two round knockout over Wayne Brooks, 148, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

PASTRANO IS HAPPY

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teens are pounding away at each other under the watchful eyes of Pastrano.

"I'm really here for the school kids," Pastrano says, not taking his eyes off the action in the ring. "This is where it's at...and I love it. You know, the man upstairs brought me through hell...here, I am baby. All in one piece. I figure it's my turn to do something for him for a change, ya know? I love teaching these kids. With some of the younger ones I'll get on my knees and box with them. I'm everything-the announcer, the crowd...and the champ. I egg 'em on, ya know. Then one of 'em will tag me and I'll go down and even count myself out...they really get a bang out of it. I have a lot of fun with these kids, especially the fat ones. I spot them right away. I can really identify with them, ya know?"

The bell ends the aciton in the ring. Pastrano walks off with a towel draped around his shoulders. He's sweating and puffing as hard as the two black kids in the ring.

"Yeah. Fat, forty and over the hill," Pastrano says as he walks past a body bag and whips a left hook into it. My life has straightened out though. I'm A-OK now and I thank the man above for giving me the chance to work with these kids. But I still miss the aciton...you better believe I miss it. I don't think any fighter ever really forgets. I can't survive without getting into the ring, even if it is just sparring or play acting. I'm in here every day working with these kids, but sometimes I'll come in early with my rubber suit and I'll start banging the bag and get myself up to three rounds: Bam! Bam! Bam! My legs are shot and I know that, but man, all of a sudden I'm light on my feet and it's the Garden all over again. I'm whippin' out those hooks and the kids start coming in, and all of a sudden they're my crowd. Ohhh baby, it's beautiful. I'm jabbing and sticking and gliding...When it's over the kids'll come up to me and their eyes are bulging. They rub my gloves and say 'Wowee, champ how you do that? Man, you can drive people crazy movin' from side to side like that.' Hey, baby, and I'm a grandfather too ya know . . . That's not bad for a grandfather. . ."

A tall, lanky white kid walks by to take his turn in the ring: "How ya feelin' today, champ?"

"Fine, baby, fine," Pastrano says, waving to the kid. I been having some trouble with my liver. Man, I took some mean shots from Torres back there that night. Everybody says go to a doctor and have it checked out. Find out, find out.

"Hey, baby, I mean, what good does it do to find out. There's check-in time and there's check-out time. The man upstairs has 'em both written down in the book, right? What good does it do to find out. I wanna make the best of life while I'm here. I love these kids and I wanna do all I can to help them. I been through a helluva lot, but the man upstairs has looked out for ole Willie and I don't guess I'm doing too bad right now. . . ."

KIRKMAN WHIPS AGOSTO

By KELLY NICHOLSON

SEATTLE, WASH.—**Renton heavyweight Boone Kirkman took another step on the comeback trail with a unanimous decision win over New Jersey's Pedro Agosto, 195, in the feature event of a 4-bout card at the Seattle Center Coliseum.** An estimated crowd of 6,500 saw the burly veteran recover from an early knockdown to score his third straight win since returning to the ring wars in recent months.

Openers saw Dale Grant, 177, score a knockout victory when Al Neuman, 190, was unable to continue at the end of four, Renton's Al taking the bout on a few hours' notice. The Global-Northwest Sports promotion received fine preliminary support when Seattle's Tommy Howard, 163, stopped Steve Tohill of Vancouver, B.C., at 0:19 of the seventh. Howard dropped Tohill, 168, near the end of round six in a hard and well-fought contest. Tacoma's Ray Seales, 161, continued a winning streak by stopping Oakland's Joe Gonzalves at 1:22 of round five. Running his mark to 42-4-1, Sugar Ray finished the well-muscled Latin with a right-left to the jaw in a free-wheeling middleweight semifinal.

The main event saw Boone make good use of his 20-pound weight advantage in pressing the action after being toppled by a round-house right to the chin in the closing seconds of round one. Now 35-6, the Renton favorite punished his elusive Puerto Rican foe with a mauling assortment of hooks and uppercuts with both men appearing strong at the finish. Consecutive victories in his latest campaign have promted Global matchmaker-promoter Joe Williams to move toward a heavyweight title shot for Boone at the Kingdome, negotiations in progress.

▲**PORTLAND, ORE.**—RON All provided fans at Multnomah County Expo Center with a first-rate 6-bout card of professional bosing which displayed the continuing progress of local fighters in several weight divisions.

Action commenced when Spokane's Rod Heinen, 189, scored a 6-round split decision over Steve Asher, 225, of Portland.

Pat Wilson, 161, took the 6-round nod over Tacoma's Eugene White in a mauling, spirited scrap of mikkles.

Beaverton heavyweight Ken Arlt scored an impressive third round stoppage of Nevada's Bob Patterson, 205, after which the Carson City fighter collapsed in his corner and later required surgery to releive a severe concussion. A stout 207, Arlt dropped his towering foe with a left hook in the first en route to his fourth straight professional win.

The first of Ail's triad of 8-round co-main events sa3 Doug 'Rhino' Arlt, 175, capture a toe-to-toe split verdict over Seattle's Larry Muse, 170, in a battle which would doubtless be welcomed in a return bout. Portland's Darrell Penn, 146, decisioned Texan Augie Gomez in a welterweight bout which raised Darrell's mark to 10-4, most of it compiled against mikkleweight competition.

The show ended when local prospect John Sullivan, 159, caught Tacoma's Larry Smith with a blistering right to the solar plexus to win by KO in a well-paired middleweight finale. Now 8-1, Johnny showed elation in finishing Smith, 158, who ejected a bloodied mouthpiece and sank to the canvas to take the count late in round three.

GACIC ALMOST "BAD NEWS" FOR WALLACE

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Edgar "Bad News" Wallace, the Nevada and arizona State middleweight champion, who won a split decision, came within an eyelash of receiving his own bad news from Casey Gacic.

The 10th ranked Gacic gave Wallace the toughest battle of his 16-fight pro career at the Sahara Space Center in Las Vegas.

Gacic was the attacker from the opening bell, forcing Wallace to the ropes with brutal inside combinations. It was Gacic's fight all the way in the early rounds. But Wallace took command in the middle rounds, unleashing his murderous hooks and jabs.

A straight right in the seventh round sent Gacic to the canvas momentarily, probably won the decision for Wallace.

Gacic was up before the count of three and continued his onslaught but with little success in the final rounds.

"Bad News" summoned all his strength and fury, plus acknowledged ring artistry, to finally take a close split decision from his tough opponent.

In a 10-round semi-final event, Freddie Washington, former national AAU champion, lost a unanimous decision to Rocky Moseley, Jr. the Las Vegas native who was beaten last month by "Bad News" Wallace in his bid for the Nevada State middleweight title.

Moseley was unimpressive. His former speed and aggression was completely lacking. However, Washington was even less impressive and the lack-luster bout saw Moseley as the final victor.

In a preliminary 10-round middleweight bout, Rajelio Castenada took a unanimous decision over Jorge "Kid Dynamite" Morales. The slick Castenada clearly outclassed his sluggish opponent; and dealth "Kid Dynamite" his third straight loss in the Sahara ring.

A capacity crowd of 1500 witnessed the card, promoted by Tony Trudnich and the Sahara Hotel. The audience included 600 "Bad News Wallace" fans from Arizona.

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY

By JIM JOHNSTON

British Commonwealth Welterweight champion Clyde Gray got back in the win column at Winnipeg when he stopped Seattle's Larry Smith in the fourth round. Winnipeg's third pro card of the year was promoted by Tex Burns with a crowd of over 4,000 attending.

Former Canadian lightheavy champ veteran Al Sparks of Winnipeg eked out a narrow decision over George Jerome of Vancouver in the semi-main. Southpaw Sparks now campaigning as a heavyweight had the edge in the early rounds with Jerome rallying to come on strong in the late rounds using his weight edge to good advantage.

Ralph Racine of Niagara Falls was awarded a split duke over Edmonton's Al Ford over ten rounds in a lightweight bout. Winnipeg's Wayne Caplette scored a third round kayo over Terry Jesmer also of Winnipeg in the opener.

▲Vancouver middleweight Steve Tohill was stopped in seven rounds by Tommy Howard of Seattle in the semi to the Kirkman-Agosta heavyweight bout won by Kirkman via a ten round decision.

▲Vancouver heavyweight Jack Martin journeyed to Anchorage, Alaska and was stopped by Travis Pickering of Palmer, Alaska in the third after a real brawl. In the heavyweight feature Victor Van Fleet of Anchorage scored an upset when he kayoed "K.O." Hannon in the first heat with a straight right hand. Van Fleet is now 4-0 as a pro, while Hannon's record is 7-2-1. Martin is 2-2 while Pickering is 2-1 as a pro.

BOXING IN COLOMBIA

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V.

▲Barranquilla — Armando Perez, Colombian featherweight, beat Patricio Nunez, Dominican Republic, in ten. Prudencio Cardona, flyweight of Colombia, kayoed Justo Jorge, Dominican Republic, in 2. The local idol, Emiliano Villa, iced Dominican Rafael Jimenez, Jr. middle in 1. The new prospect of this country, Juan "Leader" Mayoral, knocked out Lazaro Fabian, Dominican, in the fourth.

▲Cali — The young Alfonso Rada won in round 2 when the former challenger, Bernardo Caraballo abandoned the fight and announced his retirement from the ring. Feathers

Miguel "Turco" Betruz, Colombia, decisioned Rafael Anchundia, Ecuador, in 10. Jr. Welters. Gregorio Arboleda won decision in six over Justiniano Vidal. Both are Colombians and Jr. middleweights.

Jose "Pambelecito" Cervantes, younger brother of the Jr. welter champion, outpointed Jorge Lujan, Panama, in an unpopular decision, 10 rounds. Both superbantams. Mario Colorado, Colombia, gained a ten round decision over Equatorian Jose Grijalva in a welter go.

▲Cartagena — Adalberto Vanegas, Cartagena, gained a TKO over Emiliano Villa, Barranquilla, when the match was suspended in the 4th round.

Nestor "Baba" Jimenez retained his Centro American superbantam title when outpointed Nelson Cruz Tamariz, Dominican, in 12.

Enrique Pinto beat Bernardino Rubio for the Colombian bantam title in 12. Jose Blanco and Carlos Mejia drew in eight rounds. Welters Leonidas Aspirilla decisioned Alvaro Marimon in 8. Bantams.

Ruben Valdez, Colombia, knocked out Dominican Nelson Cruz Tamariz, in 4.

Victor Pacheco, Cartagena, retained his Jr. lightweight crown when he he floored Alfonso Rada, Cali in the 12th and last round.

Jairo Ortega was kayoed by Cristobal Torres, Cartagena, in the second and Fernando Ocho outpointed Rafael Montes, Sincelejo, in 8.

▲Barranquilla — Juan "Leader" Mayoral quit in the fourth round of bout with the veteran Nestor "Baba" Jimenez, in a superbantam bout. Emiliano Villa and Adalberto Vanegas drew in ten.

Leonidas Asprilla kayoed Rafael Pimentel, in the 3rd and Prudencio Cardona TKO'd Benjamin Villareal, Turbo, in the 3rd of a bantam contest. The local Clemente Rojas and William Blanco, Cartagena, drew in ten. Lightweights.

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HAFEY MAKES COMEBACK

By FRED BISHOP

Lawrence Hafey, 144½, New Glasgow, former Canadian middleweight champion and out of the ring for over a year, made a dramatic comeback as he hung a second round kayo on Freddie Jackson, 144, New Orleans, with just 46 seconds gone in the round. Jackson started fast and fought a good first round which I called even. In the second, Hafey came out all business and after a brief exchange a winging left hook dropped Jackson for an eight count, clear headed he was back to war, holding his own as Hafey tore after him, a Hafey right missed the mark but a follow up left hook (by far the best punch Hafey ever threw) the hook crashed flush on Jackson's chin and sent him backwards to land right on his head, Jackson was out for a good three minutes. Art Hafey, the former 1 contender for the featherweight title was in his brother's corner, a noted left hooker himself, got the message across for a great win for Lawrence.

In a co-feature 10, the hottest prospect in the Maritimes in years,(including Art Hafey) Chris Clarke, 147¼, Halifax, stopped undefeated Sammy Hailstock, 144, Philadelphia, at the 2.44 mark of the third round. Hailstock was down twice in the second from slips, fought back all through the first two rounds and was really warming up in the third when a looping left dropped him for a eight count. Up and fighting, he was no match for the vicious Clarke who dropped again with a right uppercut, good for another eight. Hailstock came back only to be rushed across the ring as Clarke belted away with both hands as the visitor skidded to one knee, referee Percy Paris called it off on the 3 knockdown rule.

For Clarke, it was his 11th straight win, all by kayo's, he has a date with Kevin White, England, later this month.White is rated 7th in the Commonwealth and will take place in Halifax.

In eight rounds, Donnie Johnson, 146¼, Halifax, took a unanimous decision over Angil Citrone, 140, New York, in a good fight, Citrone was down twice in the first, both from slips and was belted out of the ring in the seventh but came fighting back to finish the fight and receive a great hand for his gameness.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

Hartford Civic Center — Luis Davila, 134½, transplanted Puerto Rican making Hartford his home, edged out Vinnie DeBarros, 135, Waterbury, to win a close but unanimous ten round decision. He regained the New England lightweight title he had lost earlier to DeBarros by keeping the pressure on. There were no knockdowns.

Victor Arnua, now living in Hartford, was awarded a fifth round TKO over Manny Quiles, Brockton, when the latter suffered a bad cut over his left eye. Quiles was well ahead on points at the time. Joe Phillips, 130, Pittsfield, scored a fourth round knockdown to earn a six round draw with Steve Snow, 131, Holyoke, in their six. Frank Fernandez, 146, Brockton, edged Steve Toomey, 145½, Waterbury, in another sixer. Greg Burdette, 171, Waterbury, easily halted Tony Fronterra, 170, Lawrence, in the first of a four rounder. And Ed Vigliotto, 149, Milford, needed only 54 seconds to kayo Willie Cruz, 147, Methuen. Tony Paoli promoted the show.

▲Portland Exposition Building — Irish Beau Jaynes, 145, Lowell, used a sharp left jab and good combinations to take a unanimous eight round decision in a good bout over Wilson Bell, 149½, Detroit, Bell lacked the experience to take the play away from the veteran Jaynes.

Dave Johnson, 250, Washington, halted Mike LaPointe, 232, Bangor, in the fifth of the semi-final between a pair of super-sized heavies. John's 7 inch reach and ehgith advantage proved too much for LaPointe. Ben Sanchez, 154, Lowell, outmauled Dalton Swift, 161, Washington, in an eight rounder that had stirring moments. Dave Romalho, 115, Lowell, easily disposed of Mike Mellon, 117, Lynn, whom he halted in the second. The show was staged by Portland's Eddie Griffin and Chris Cline of Washington.

NORTH CAROLINA SEES FIRST LEGAL BOXING SHOW IN 82 YEARS

BY SAL ALGIERI

Cumberland Arena, North Carolina—**For the first time in 82 years a legal professional boxing show was put on in North Carolina, the promoter being former N.Y.C.police officer Joe Flynn, who went first class all the way.**

Among the dignitaries present were:Willie Pep, former world featherweight king; Floyd Patterson, acting Athletic Commisioner; Joe Frazier, ex-heavyweight champ, and Cathy "Cat" Davis, a top lightweight in women's boxing.

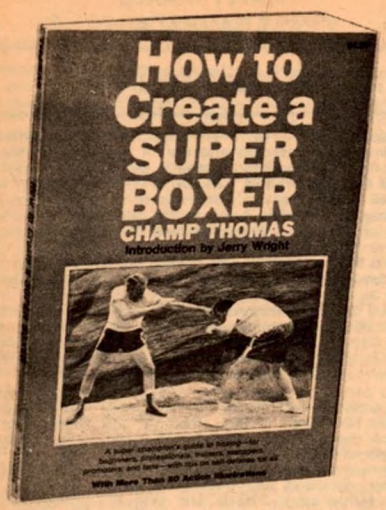
B. House won a TKO victory in the second round against Bob hall in a scheduled 10 rounder.

Benjamin, a 44-year-old, upset Bull Dog Patterson when the amatuer referee stopped the fight in the third round.

Hilbert Stevenson won an eight round decision overJohn Morgan.

Sandman Parker beat Lee Hallman over 10 rounds in a heavyweight contest in what was the best fight on the card.

In the main event, Nick Wells KO'd Bentley Jr. at 36 seconds of the first round.



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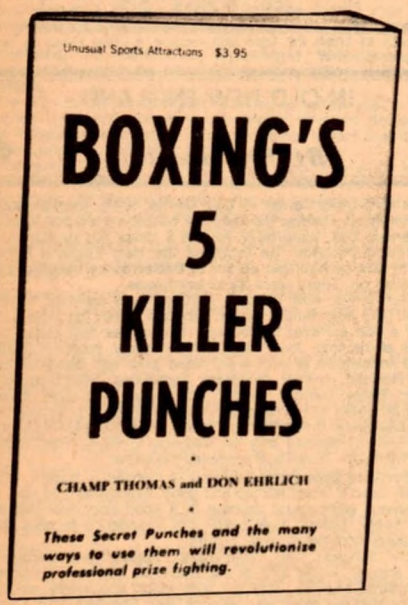

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GREGORY MISSES BIG CHANCE

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15-rounder, Galindez and Gregory did little more than trade 22-calibre glares. Circling one another constantly, they grimaced, gesticulated and feinted as though to throw punches, but managed to inflict less damage than a soap bubble on a dirty knee."

Coutros' parting remarks: "The challenger's futility was neatly encapsulated by the camera in the last 30 seconds catching Gregory's corner exhorting their tiger to throw the punches he needed to win and the latter responding by striking a John L. Sullivan stance, left hand extended, right hand cocked, and then thinking better of it as time and opportunity ran out on him."

What more can one say? Only that Galindez didn't win the bout, Gregory blew it! Maybe with a Dundee or Clancy in the corner, he might have won, but they were not. A good manager and second could have been just what the doctor ordered for the kid from Brooklyn.

The scoring of the contest was as follows: the two Italian judges had Galindez ahead by one point and the Venezuelian referee had him ahead by two. The referee took 2 points away from Gregory for low blows, and Eddie was on the deck once in the bout.

IT'S SPINKS VS ALI!

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come, but for some reason, he always let up the end of each round, as if he were tired. Lonnie tried to come back at this point each time, but his better days were behind him. The end came in the sixth round, Burnett winning via kayo.

Spinks looked anything but a hero in this bout with Righetti. The Italian shocked everyone with his showing. Most ringsiders underrated the man and felt he wouldn't go more than three rounds.

Leon won the fight going away, but did not look good doing it. The 6-foot-3-inch Italian was hard to hit, and when tagged, was not hurt. Either he takes a hell of a punch or Spinks's power is over-rated?

The only time either fighter looked hurt was in the seventh round, when Righetti landed two rights to the head of Spinks that knocked the Olympic boy against the ropes.

All three judges scored the bout the same: 44-42 for Spinks.

On the undercard, heavyweight Bernardo Mercado, Colombia, knocked out Fili Moala, Las Vegas, in eight, and heavyweight John Tate stopped Columbus' Frank Schram, one.

MUANGSURIN VS. MAMBY

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him, which would seem to indicate that he usually *does* get the big one across. Although the hard punching lefty did land on occasion, and land with authority to boot, his all out pursuit of Mamby very often left him vulnerable to counters. Mamby took full advantage of this most of the time, but his lack of the big punch became more and more of a factor as the bout progressed.

When Muangsurin could drive Mamby into the ropes and corns, Saoul would slip and counter with sweet combinations, but the punches landed by the heavier hitting Thai proved to be what impressed the judges.

Speaking of impressions, the 35,000 partisan fans who attended the fight gave Mamby credit for being a deceptively clever boxer with a sturdy chin. Indeed, veteran Thai fight buffs agreed that the southpaw champion emerged from the bout looking more like the loser than the winner.

Muangsurin's trainer, Sanong Rakvanich, blamed it on improper training, as did Shengsak himself. Muangsurin was pronounced fit before the contest, so the blame for Shensak's poor showing just may be due to a guy named Saoul Mamby.

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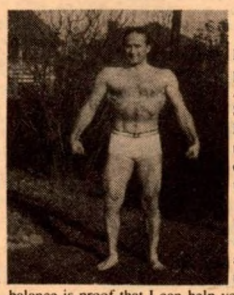

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Also depicted are Braddock's manager, Joe Gould (Joshua Shelley), and boxing impresario Mike Jacobs (Al Lewis).

The fight sequences are more camera art than literal, and thus highly impressive. But the meat of the film, as Bernie Casey puts it, has to do with the way it "gets at the underbelly of those traumatic times when the world went crazy.

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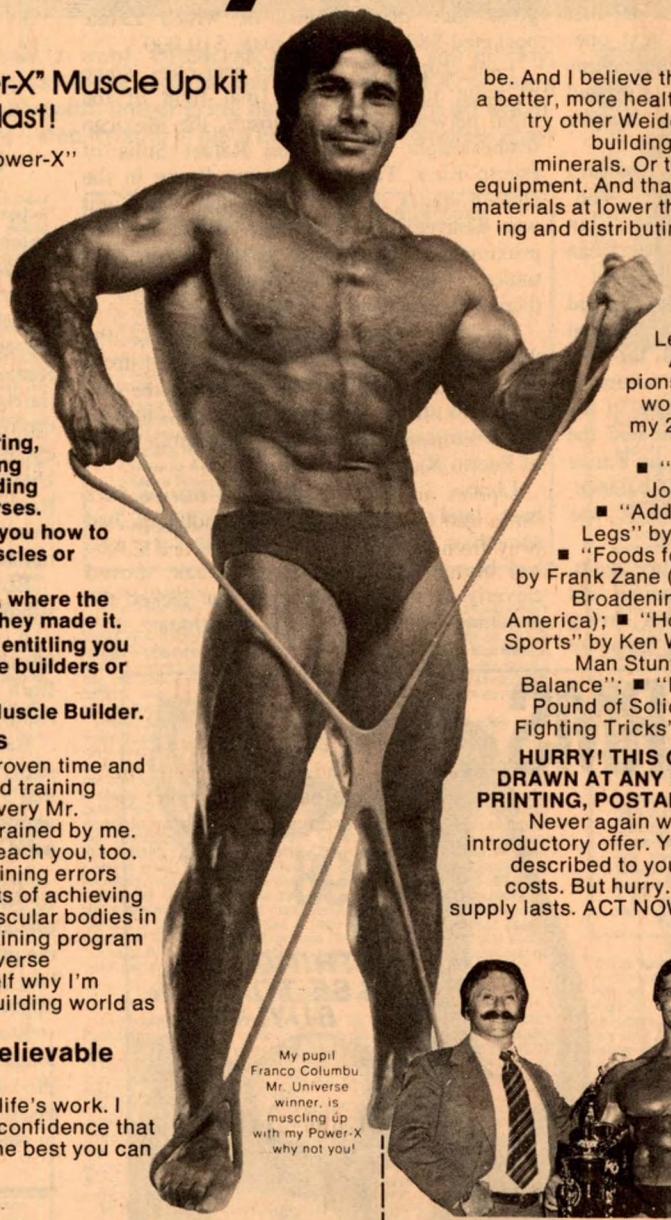

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ZARATE DEFENDS WBC BANTAM

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setting him up for the finale.

However, it was a different fight during the first eight minutes when Batista was in complete command.

Batista, 116¼, opened the battle with a furious attack. But Zarate, of Mexico City, merely absorbed punches throughout the first two rounds and two-thirds of the next one. Moving fast and throwing swift combinations that landed effectively, Batista (26-1) proved a surprisingly capable challenger despite being a big underdog.

"I felt Batista's punches, but I wasn't hurt," the lanky, 5-7 champion said. "Batista was a strong and brave fighter, but it wasn't his night. He was much faster than I expected him to be."

Zarate, who had suffered a bruised knuckle on his left hand during training that caused the fight to be postponed for two weeks, gave no indication of any soreness. Firing accurately, he took charge late in the third and it appeared that he might end the fight in that round. Two left hooks by Zarate nailed Batista and knocked him off balance. Batista backed into the ropes and it was non-stop warfare until the bell ended.

In the fourth, Zarate opened up again. Fighting at close range, the champion sent Batista's mouthpiece flying, perhaps saving him further punishment during the delay to replace it.

Batista, on wobbly legs in the fifth, had lost much of his steam, and the end was predictable.

Zarate, who came in at 116½, admitted he had trouble making weight and said he would fight only once more as a bantamweight division (122).

Promoter Danny Villanueva announced a gross gate of $198,600 of which Zarate pocketed $80,000 and Batista, $10,000.

Fans erupted by throwing beer cups, some of them full during the final fight of the night between Ernesto Herrera, the Mexican featherweight champ, and Rafael Solis of Puerto Rico. The debris came flying in the closing stages of the ninth round. The fight was delayed after the ninth round for approximately five minutes as the shower continued. The 10th round was not held and there was no decision rendered.

Earlier, Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, the third-ranking junior lightweight from Mexico who had knocked out nine in a row, ended his streak, although he won a unanimous 10-round decision over Benjamin Ortiz of Puerto Rico.

Limon, 127½, was not as sharp as he's been lately, but Ortiz, 129, might've had something to do with it. Ortiz, (32-7-2), who had been on a five-bout win streak, moved cleverly to avoid punishment, but lacked the punching power to be much of a threat.

In a one-sided heavyweight bout, also scheduled for 10 rounds, Eddie (The Animal) Lopez, 213¾, stopped Mexican champion Fernando Montez, 209½, at the end of the fourth round. Montez (24-4-1) suffered a gash over his right eye late in the third round, and although the bleeding was stopped in the fourth, it was because of the injury that the fight was stopped—officially, that is.

In the opening four-rounder, Jose Resedia, 119, decisioned Eduardo Plata, 121¼.

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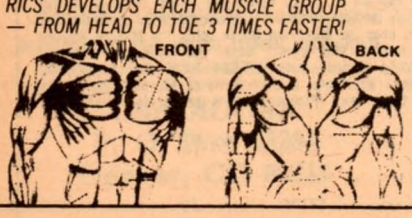

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In the first frame, Ranzany kept his jab in Shields' face, bloodied his nose, and landed two good rights to the body. All three officals gave the round to Ranzany.

Halfway through the second both fighters leaned into one another and their heads collided. Ranzany pulled back and landed a left hook to the right eye. Shields stepped back and motioned the referee in. He had a deep gash across the eyebrow, forcing the referee to halt the fight. Under California rules it was called a draw. If Ranzany had received the cut, he would have won the fight. There will almost certainly be a rematch.

Both fellows met later in the dressing room, shook hands, and said:"Let's try it again."

A scheduled match between Ranzany and Mando Muniz will have to be put on the shelf. Both Shields and Ranzany picked up $12,000, Randy got a bonus of ten stitches.

Ranzany's manager, Joey Lopes, said, "It's really too bad for the fans that this happened. But that's boxing. I really didn't think the fight would go the distance, Pete was hitting him too solid."

In the preliminaries: Tony Fernandez, 118, Redwood City, stopped Jorge Flores, 114, Glendale, midway in the third Fernandez, with the greater reach, had Flores down in the third, hurt in the fourth, and finally landed a solid right uppercut to finish the tango.

In a scheduled heavyweight six, Ronald Gibbs made his pro debut a success by stopping Dave Plisko in the first round. Gibbs, 208, San Francisco, had Plisko, 204, Sacramento, down twice in round one.

PINTOR STOPS "KID" CHOCOLATE

By JIM P. NOLAND

▲**San Antonio** — Baby Kid Chocolate went flat footed momentarily and got flattened moments later courtesy of Lupe Pintor in the second round. Chocolate, 114½, struck quickly with a couple of left jabs and a pair of left hooks in the first.

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Carlos Cantu of Mexico, 111, cleverly countered to Gerardo Heredia's body while traveling to a unanimous decision.

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ITALIAN-AMERICANS

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fighters of the past to be entitled "Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame." He had been collecting for years and now was ready to publish and distribute the results. However, a meeting with boyhood pal, Joseph Granata, a local businessman, modified those plans. "Why not," they asked, "build a more permanent institution to the memory of these athletes?"

Randazzo and Granata formulated a long range plan which included the building of an edifice to display Italian-American boxing souvenirs collected from various sources. A large exhibit room would serve to attract fans from around the world and become an inspiration to young athletes. They would develop committees and annually would induct deserving members of the Italian-American boxing community into the "Hall." A subsidiary activity would be the promotion of physical culture for the young people of America by tying in with national plans in that direction. It was established that the blazing fists of the late Rocky Marciano, with a style so characteristic of the determination to win, would serve as the spirit and symbol of their embryo organization. It was this same kind of will which accelerated the efforts of Randazzo and Granata to get their program off the ground. They made believers of the Chicago sports community and support was rallied from all quarters.

Thus it was that 23 Italian-American world champions were invited to Chicago for the first annual awards banquet. Governor James Thompson proclaimed September 16, 1977, as Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame Day. Only nineteen champions were able to attend but those present will never forget the scene.

The Hall of Fame Committee elected eight world champions for induction. Three of these were inducted posthumously. Also inducted as the most deserving Italian-American boxing trainer, was Angelo Dundee, who played an important role in the development of seven world champions during a 25 year career. Carmen Basilio, Ralph Dupas, Willie Pastrano, Luis Manuel Rodriguez, Sugar Ramos, Muhammad Ali and Jimmy Ellis, all former world champions, were among his many students. It was fitting that the head man of Chicago, Mayor Michael A. Bilandic, awarded Angelo his plaque and brought him into the first Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame.

The five living former world champs inducted were Sammy Angott, former lightweight titlist from Massilon, Ohio; Jake LaMotta, former middleweight champ; Rocky Graziano, former middleweight ruler; Carmen Basilio, former welterweight and middleweight champion and the great Willie Pep, one-time leader of the 126 pounders. Rocky Graziano was inducted in absentia, the only inductee unable to show.

Inducted posthumously was Primo Carnera, Rocky Marciano and Tony Canzoneri. Accepting Primo's award was his son, Dr. Umberto Carnera a practicing surgeon in the City of Chicago, and Primo's widow, who flew in from Glendale, California. The emotion packed induction was made by Congressman Peter Rodino.

A bust of Rocky Marciano was unveiled in center ring which served as a stage, by Rocky's mother and brother Peter Marciano. Mrs. Marchegiano accepted Rocky's plaque which was presented by star of "Wild Wild West" and "Baa-Baa Black Sheep," Robert Conrad, who formerly demonstrated his love for the Sweet Science.

Tony Canzoneri was one of the all-time great technicians of ringdom. Not only a three division champion, featherweight, lightweight and junior welterweight, he alomst captured a fourth when he drew in a bantamweight title bout with Bud Taylor. Tony engaged in 21 title bouts ranging from bantamweight to junior welterweights and packed in one of the most complete boxing careers over a 15 year period. His entry to the Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame is well deserved.

It appears that the dream of George Randazzo and Joseph Granata is well on the road toward becoming a reality.

HEAVYWEIGHT COMEBACKS IN JEOPARDY

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on the comeback trail being matched with the likes of Larry Holmes, Jerry Quarry or maybe George Foreman?

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CHANT TO WIN LEGAL ACTION–John L. accidentally hit a store window when he lost control of his car. The owner promptly asked for $15,000 in damages. But John had no insurance. Instead, he used a CHANT TO WIN A LEGAL ACTION. That very day, the store owner withdrew his complaint! And John got his car fixed free of charge!

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CHANT TO EXCITE LOVE–Marius W., of Los Angeles, complained, "I'm totally lonely." He wanted to know if a CHANT TO EXCITE LOVE would help him, because the woman of his dreams was completely indifferent to him. One week after using it, Marius reported: "Her love for me is almost frightening . . . I can never say I'm lonely any more." The couple are married now. (See pp. 57-8.)

CHANT TO REKINDLE MATE'S INTEREST–Queenie S. saw her husband enter a restaurant with another woman. She immediately used a CHANT TO REKINDLE A MATE'S INTEREST. "An hour later, my husband came home looking very subdued," she said. "His eyes lit up when he saw me, and he crossed the room, holding out his arms to me. He went down on his knees . . . 'I've been a fool,' he said . . . He saw me as his perfect woman again and he's never left my side since." (See pp. 191-3.)

CHANT TO BRING HEALTH–Ken N., 56, suffered such severe back pains he couldn't lift anything heavier than a few ounces–or lean down. Sleeping was out of the question– he'd wake up every 10 minutes. His doctor recommended a $3,000 operation. "My back started to get better after the first session with the Chant (to Bring Health)," he wrote. He is now completely free of pain. "I can play golf, tennis . . . anything," he says. "I'm a new man." (See pp. 61-3.)

CHANT TO WIN AT RACES–Ivor D., from Quebec City, Canada, loved the races, but usually suffered heavy losses at the track. After using a CHANT TO WIN AT THE RACES, he reported: "You're talking to a rich man. I've just bought a new car, a color TV, a new snowmobile . . . and I've paid off every bill which has been worrying me." He picked six winning horses–in one day at the track. He continues to use this CHANT, consistently picking winners, and the cash just rolls in, in a golden flood. (See pp. 77-8.)

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CHANT FOR PROTECTION FROM EVIL–Liz R., a filing clerk from Washington, had been cursed by an evil woman with Black Magic. She sought my help because her landlord had evicted her to get higher rent . . . she had come down with influenza and lost her job . . . and her boyfriend had quarreled with her and disappeared. Liz used a CHANT FOR PROTECTION FROM EVIL. The very next day she was offered a better job, paying *twice* what she'd received before. Her landlord called and begged her to take the apartment back at a *lower rent*. Her boyfriend returned and apologized. And she is now happier than ever.

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ACTION IN THE ORIENT

Tokyo, Japan — Orient featherweight champion Hwang Bok-Soo showed his superiority in a close range rally to defeat Shuzo Yoshida in 12 good rounds. Japan's welterweight champion Shoji Tsujimoto returned to ring action, demolishing Minoru Ono in nine rounds to retain his JBC crown for the eleventh time at Hiroshima.

OBF (Orient Boxing Federation) welterweight champion Ryu Sorimachi was annoyed by Thailander Thaminthong Singsamang's tremendous durability, but gaines a unanimous decision in 12 heats.

▲Tokyo, Korakuen Hall — Korea's Orient featherweight champion Hwang Bok-Soo, a quarter pound heavier than the limit, appeared here for the first time and defeated Shuzo Yoshida by a close but unanimous decision in 12 see-saw rounds. Referee Tezaki and judge Uchida, both of Japan, tabbed the gruelling affair 59-57 and 59-56 respectively, while Korean judge Kim scored it 59-57, all in Hwang's favor. The card was originally slated with the Orient title at stake, but an approval of the OBF could not be acquired in time. Having decked an upset kayo from ex-WBC champ Yum Dong-Kyun in his native Yokohama three months ago, Yoshida started a firework with stinging, vigorously lefts. Hwang, only 22 and with a good 40-3 record including 17 kayos and all wins against Nipponese men, seemed to be a like a stocky bantie, three inches shorter was the early starter. Yoshida, three years senior, and 24-9-2 (13 by KO), dominated the third round by connecting with one-twos to the face and uppercuts to the midsection. In three rounds from the fourth Yoshida positively kept tossing fast leather and moving aside. However Hwang almost prevented them from hitting the mark with his peekaboo blocking.

The flat-footed puncher Hwang solved his rival's hit-and-run tactics in round seven, when he sent a terrific attack with powerful left hands in full action to grind Yoshida to a standstill.

Yoshida, 126¼ also, fought back hard on even terms during the next three stanzas. In the eleventh session Hwang, again was in complete command, as the shorter Korean's jolting combos had Yoshida retreating all the way. In the final 12th round they put on incessant exchange to show all they had. Hwang seemed to be a bit superior in the close-range really.

In spite of trading thrice as many punches as Hwang did, the Japanese hope was outmaneuvered by the Korean who cleverly saved his stamina for later rounds. In a supporting ten, Sakae Sakashita, JBC No. nine 140-pounder, went down twice in round two to lose a unanimous duke to Shoichi Kumada, ex-Shinjin-o (Novice king) victor. Both scaled in at 142¾. All the scoresheets were 49-46. Some 1,200 spectators were in attendance that night.

▲Scrappy Hitoshi Takahashi — Fighting Haranda's fast-rising pupil and JBC top lightweight contender, registered his sixth kayo in a row, when he stretched Mitsuo Koide, No. 8 man at 134¾, flat on the deck in 2.05 of the eighth round. Takahashi became sensational in his campaigns in Korea, where he demolished top notchers Chung Hae-Eun and Choi Chin-Bee each within the distance. However Takahashi was annoyed by underdog Koide's desperate opening attack. Koide, devoid of fear, came forward to score with short combinations to surprise the estimated 1,000 fans as well as Takahashi, who had taken measure of his rival's negative retreating. 23-year-old Takahashi, a tall lightweight with 20 KOs out of 18 wins against 6 defeats and one draw, harshly took back the second session with resistless tattooing blows, neglecting his own defense against Koide's several solid shots. Koide, 12-4-2 with six kayos, showed his best in round three, when he gamely bored in to catch the rough puncher with well-timed left hooks to the jaw. Often shaking him up, Koide clearly took the round.

But Takahashi, a motorcar mechanic out of the ring, stepped on the accelerator in the following four rounds to be obviously in command with perpetual punches at the weary opponent's face. His one-two-three combo, in round eight, caught the target right enough to have Koide crumble for the count. Without improving his loose defense, future champion Takahashi may risk the career on the highway to the top.

In a semi-final eight, Shigeru Goda, 139¼, dropped Takumi Kasagawa, ¼ pound heavier, with a strong right in the first session and was awarded a kayo win midway in the third round. Manager Harada tossed in a towel to save his boy from further punishment; In six busy rounds, Takeshi Hakuga, JBC No. 10 flyweight at 111½, overwhelmed Fujimi Wada, 112, with a relentless attack to win a decision unanimously.

▲Hiroshima — Slick-punching lefty Shoji Tsujimoto, national welterweight titlist at 146¾, impressively kept his crown for the eleventh time by flattening Minoru Ono, a younger one-two puncher at 142¼, in 2.10 of the ninth round. A fractured ankle in his preparatory roadwork forced Tsujimoto to cancel a comeback fight with Korean Choi four months ago, after he had been demolished by Mexican champ Pipino Cuevas in Kanazawa last year.

Tsujimoto's recovery was such that he outsped and outpunched Ono almost at will from the fifth round on. In the first half Tsujimoto, one of the cleverest campaigners in Nippon, moved in and out to make an assessment. In round nine Shoji exploded a strong left at Ono's chin to drop him twice. After the first knockdown, Ono's legs sagged and his body was bent over. Ono who had halted Shoji's brother Hidemori in Osaka last year, realized the younger Tsujimoto was too much for him in ring generalship. In preliminary eight rounds, Jo Araki, 119, easily stopped Saburo Kawasaki, 117¼, in less than five minutes; Bin Nakai, 124¼, from Osaka, lost to local favorite Atomic Kurusu, 124½, by a decision in eight.

▲Osaka — Ex-natinal junior featherweight boss Waruinge Nakayama, a Kenyan at 118 pounds, crumbled at the hands of lefty puncher Go Mifune, Tokyo, as he retired at the end of the seventh session at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Waruinge, twice halted by Rigoberto Riasco and Carlos Zarate for their respective crowns, was a reasonable favorite as well as a former Olympic medalist. Scrappy but shorter Mifune, 118, dropped the 32-year-old soldier with a wicked right uppercut to the button of Waruinge, who managed to break the count but remained wobbly in the first session. Mifune, 27, kept pressing and he floored Waruinge twice more in round five and six. It accounted for the bad loser's abandonment that the African had absorbed too much punishment. Waruinge was No. 2 bantie of JBC, while Mifune is No. 5 contender.

▲Tokyo — Orient welterweight champion Ryu Sorimachi, 30 years of age and at 147, engaged in his tenth defense against Thaminthong Singsamang, Thailand's top welterweight, to gain a unanimous duke in 12 furious rounds at Korakuen Hall. Some 1,200 spectators gathered to see Ryu's good performance in a tune-up go before his ballyhooed crack at Carlos Palomino's world crown next spring. Ryu's lack of following up or the Thai's tremendous durability made the Nipponese unable to score an expected kayo, though he sometimes had Singsamang at bay.

Rhu, 54-9-4 with 32 KOs, looked very sharp of feet and fists, taking four rounds out of the first five sessions. It was not until the sixth canto that Singsamang, 146¾, found Ryu's nimble footwork fading. The sturdy Thai forced Ryu to display rope-a-dope tactics, with which the defending champ avoided Singsamang's strong body punches to counterpunch him occasionally.

In round seven Ryu positively battered the 28 year-old newcomer to make him quite groggy. Ryu began to show his fatigue due to the fast pace. In round eight, the Thai bored in so wildly that the ref Morita imposed a penalty of one point deduction on him due to a bad heading. Despite Ryu's dominating most of the proceedings, Singsamang kept himself fresh to win the first and only round in the eleventh canto by a three-min. resistless attack. Ryu came back, in the last round, with all he had, almost sank the Thai battler. He had a narrow escape. The JBC official scoresheets were revealed as: Morita 60-52, Yoshida 57-55 and Sasaki 60-53. In later rounds, Ryu clung to Singsamang to prevent him from sapping the champ's strength by persistently pounding his body. His easy going showing was rightly castigated by the crowd. It was the Thai's ninth loss in 28 outings. In a semifinal fight Tadashi Akiyama, JBC No. ten 130-pounder, earned a majority decision from Eiji Genga in 8 gory frames. Akiyama, with blood streaming profusely from a gash over the left eyebrow from the second round on, pressed a swinging attack continually. Akiyama appeared in command, though a half of his numerous blows were missing the mark. Both entered the ring at 130 pounds.

In commemoration of JBC's 25th anniversary, deluxe sparring sessions took place at TV Asahi's studio and were televised nationwide. Fighting Harada, former fly- and bantamweight champion and now a Club honor at 147, faced oldtime rival Hiroyuki Ebihara, ex-flyweight titlist who seemed as heavy as he used to be, in two busy rounds. Hiroshi Kobayashi, junior lightweight leader since 1967 until 1971, skillfully averted the sharp blows of Shozo Saijo, former WBA featherweight champ, in two interesting frames. While they were reigning champs, Kobayashi won a split decision from Saijo in a nontitle tenner, which drew 12,000 fans at Nihon Univ. Audetorium on Dec. 3, 1970. Susumu Hanagata, flyweight champion who hung up gloves recently, made TV watchers wonder why he had quit, for he displayed a flashing speed in two heats against Shoji Oguma. The latter was dethroned by Miguel Canto in 1975, but is scheduled to fight the Mexican for the title in their grudging upcoming return. The main attraction was a hard-fought meeting of ex-lightweight titleholder Guts Ishimatsu vs. Koichi Wajima, three time junior middleweight champion, in two rounds. As seriously as they had fought in previous title goes, the punchers traded strong blows toe-to-toe incessantly. Both weighed at about 165 pounds. Yoshio Shirai, first Nipponese world champion who wrested the 112-pound class title from Hawaii's Dado Marino in Tokyo, 1952, refereed the action-packed sessions. JBC Commissioner, Mr. Haruo Niwa was also present. Some of the Japanese outstanding champions' films were released afterwards to remind us of the good old days.

▲Niigata Prefecture — Unbeaten prospect Eiijiro Murata, 121¼, proved too strong for Bunji Ando, 119, demolishing him after three knockdowns in the second round. Murata, JBC No. 3 bantie, displayed fine combos to win his seventh straight fight. In a companion tenner, Toshihiko Nagaoka, a rising heavyweight piloted by Murata's manager, Kaneko, defeated his perennial rival Ken Ohto, 200¼ pounds, by a unanimous decision. The doubleheader took place at Tsubame City Gymnasium.

▲Tokyo — 29-year-old veteran lefty Tetsuo Furuyama, 140, oost his Japan's junior welterweight title to elusive Hatakeyama, 139 pounds, and five years his junior, in 10 hard-fought rounds at Korakuen Hall. Some 1,600 witnesses were truly amazed at the upset result, for Furuyama had battled for the world title three times and had seldom been beaten by fellow countrymen. In the first five rounds, Hatakeyama scored with good rights to the southpaw's chin repeatedly and he clearly dominated three sessions, losing none. Having suffered his first kayo defeat by Bruce Curry, California, in the previous contest here, Furuyama seemed to lack his usual zip and vaunted power punching. Hatakeyama, 12-2-1 with 3 kayos, looked his best in round seven, when he almost toppled iron-jawed Furuyama with lopsided combos, after he had the champ reeling against the ropes with one very strong right. But Furuyama took only the ninth canto. He caught the puzzling dodger with solid body shots and forced the new champ to hold him often to avert his desperate attack. JBC officials unanimously gave their votes to Hatakeyama: referee Ugo 49-46, judges Morita and Kanaya, 49-46 and 49-47 respectively.

On the next day Tetsuo Furuyama, who had fought in 54 fights over nine years, abandoned an expected return shot to announce his retirement from ring action. Having been piloted by Takeshi Sasazaki, Fighting Harada's manager, Furuyama registered 27 knockouts in 38 wins against 12 defeats and 4 draws. The sturdy lefthander had tabbed eight straight defenses of the 140-pound class title, although he had failed to capture the international title owing to 15 round decisions to Antonio Cervantes in 1973; to Perico Fernandez in the next year and to Saensak Muangsurin in 1976. He had also held the Orient title in 1970. Furuyama was one of the most popular campaigners because of his hard-hitting aggressive style.

In a supporting ten, Shigeru Sasaki, JBC No. 3 junior featherweight hope, easily polished off Takashi Higashi, 117½, in the fourth round. Sasaki, 118 pounds, displayed a one-punch kayo with a sickle uppercut to the chin.

Upright stylist Mitsuo Kobayashi, Shinjin-o (Novice king) winner this year with a 8-2 record with 5 KOs, lost a split decision to persistently aggressive Takeshi Mine, 131, in six; Ken Ogata, 129½, outscored Sanshiro Kawazoe, 129¾, in 6 heats; Scrappy Shinji Taki, 117½, finished Naomi Kuwana, 118, with three seconds left in the fifth round.

Bright hope Akio Kameda, former amateur titlist at 145, stretched his winning streak to four, all by kayo, as he battered Kazunori Shiratori, JBC No. 5 welterweight from Nagoya, almost at will and demolished him midway in the fifth canto. Kameda, standing 5-11 and now JBC No. 9 lightweight, moved up into the welterweight class due to a weight problem. Piloted by Gushiken's manager Kanehira who described him as one of the best talents that he has handled, Kameda utilized his southpaw style effectively to drop Shiratori on three occasions. An automatic kayo went to the hard-hitting 20 year old rookie. Some 1,200 fans were in attendance. Koichi Matushima and Tadao Hatano, both weighing in at 123½, saw combat in a very close eight, and the former won a split duke; 38-37 (M), 37-36 (M) and 38-37 (H). Keno Kashi, a lefty hope with a 5-1-2 record with as many kayos after an amateur career, dominated five out of six rounds and eked out a decision from Rora Hayama, two pounds lighter at 128; Ryu Kanonji, 111, showed a clearcut KO, flattening Shigeo Maesawa, 112, in t he sixth and final round.

In very gory proceedings, Masashi Kudo, unbeaten national middleweight ruler, was awarded a technical kayo win from Katsuo Esashi, taller and muscular Shinjin-o winner at 25, at the end of the third round of a scheduled nontitle ten at Korakuen Hall. Before 1,500 spectators Kudo, 160¾, opened a gash over the right eyebrow of Esashi midway in the opening session.

Esashi, 160½, desperately threw jolting blows, some of which amazingly caught the face of Kudo, usually good at defense, in the second round. But Kudo was in command by a slight margin by fighting back with a close range rally. In round three, especially the last 30 seconds, Kudo swarmed over the less experienced puncher with only a 3-0 record, and had him staggering with continual solid one-twos. During the furious attack Esashi suffered another bad cut over the left eyebrow. His face was crimson. After the bell a JBC physician examined the profusely bleeding gashes and advised the referee to declare a halt. The stoppage carried Kudo, 26, to a 18-0 record including 11 knockouts. Kudo should have used more leading lefts to give lessons to the swinging newcomer. In a preliminary six, Masami Tomita, 125¼, won a majority nod from Tadashi Yatsuzuka, 124¾; Kenichi Ito was a points victor over Ichiro Sugawara, 116¼, in six; World junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken engaged in two sparring sessions against his clubmate Yutaka Moriya, to entertain the crowd with his specialty of flashing combinations.

▲Korea — Good campaigns were shown in the adjacent country which possessed five Orient crowns.

▲Seoul — Yuh Jae-Do, Orient middleweight champion, unanimously defeated Toshiaki Suzuki, Japan, to score the 19th straight title defense. Yuh proved too much in ring craft for Suzuki, who had gained an upset kayo win from Korea's national champ Park Nam-Yong in his previous foreign fight there.

▲Seoul — Due to the WBA order, Hong Soo-Hwan and Japan's Futaro Tanaka met in a semifinal to decide a new super bantamweight champion. In 12 good rounds, Hong outpunched Tanaka to earn an important victory by a unanimous decision. Taller Korean Hong, ex-world bantam titlist, dethroned by Alfonso Zamora years ago, will fight Hector Carasquilla of Panama in an eliminator this year.

▲Seoul — Cultural Gymnasium witnessed Japanese Kiyoshi Kazama as he decisioned Park Hyung-Il in 10 hard-fought rounds. After see-saw proceedings, Kazama sent a determined attack in the final round to have his victory received well. Park was top junior lightweight contender, while Kazama JBC No. 2 lightweight.

▲Pusan — In an overweight go, Orient junior flyweight champ Chung Sang-Il lost a 10-round decision to up-and-coming Park Chung-Hee, former amateur titlist in the Asian Games. Park annoyed the champ with faster hands before 3,000 customers. In round nine, the rookie dropped Chung with a wicked left hook for a mandatory eight count. Though Chung's title was not at stake, KBC officials tabbed the unanimous scoresheets as 50-44, 49-46 and 48-44.

▲Jakarta, Indonesia — Wongso Suseno's Orient junior welterweight throne was wrested by Filipino Moises Cantoja by a split decision in 12 heats. Suseno, a local favorite who had kept the title since dethroning Lee Chang-Kil of Korea two years ago, was forced to backpedal time and again from Cantoja's good attack. Suseno hit the deck in round nine to give Cantoja a convincing victory, though one of the judges called the Indonesian a winner by 58-57. However, the other two officials saw the contest 58-51 and 55-52 in favor of the new champion. Some 9,000 fans gloomily witnessed Suseno's unexpected setback and farewell to the OBF laurels.

▲Surabaja, Java — Rated by WBC, Juan Jose Jimenez of Argentina whipped Barry Mitchel, Australia, to win a unanimous verdict in 10 rounds.

▲Bankok, Thailand — Hot actions under TBC (Thailand Boxing Commission) were reported as follows: Lumpini Stadium — Jenrub Muangsurin, No. 2 featherweight at 128, knocked out Singdum Singsayun, 130 pounds, in the fourth round; No. four 112 pounder Rerngnoi Sithjular, 114, unanimously defeated Matuphum Siththumrong, the fifth contender at 113, by a decision in 10; Junior flyweight hope Ravee Sithchangsee, 110, decisively beat Dawnmai Sayarmyamaha, 112, in 10. The three cards were all promoted by Col. Chai Disdeth.

▲Rajadamnern Stadium — Top contender in the flyweight class, Alibaba Lukklongton, 114, outscored Suriya Pratumvadee, 113 pounds, by a unanimous decision in 10. Nivatt Laosuwanvatt was the impresario that night; Morkasakdi Muangsurin, No. 3 junior featherweight of TBC at 124, won a unanimous decision from Dejvarin Hollywood, 126, in 10.

▲Haadyai Stadium, Songkhla Province (South of Thailand) — No. 2 flyweight Pornchai Sakdiphothong, 114, was a good points victor from Pornoi Sakdisatul, 116, in 10 frames of a card promoted by Inn Nugprasert.

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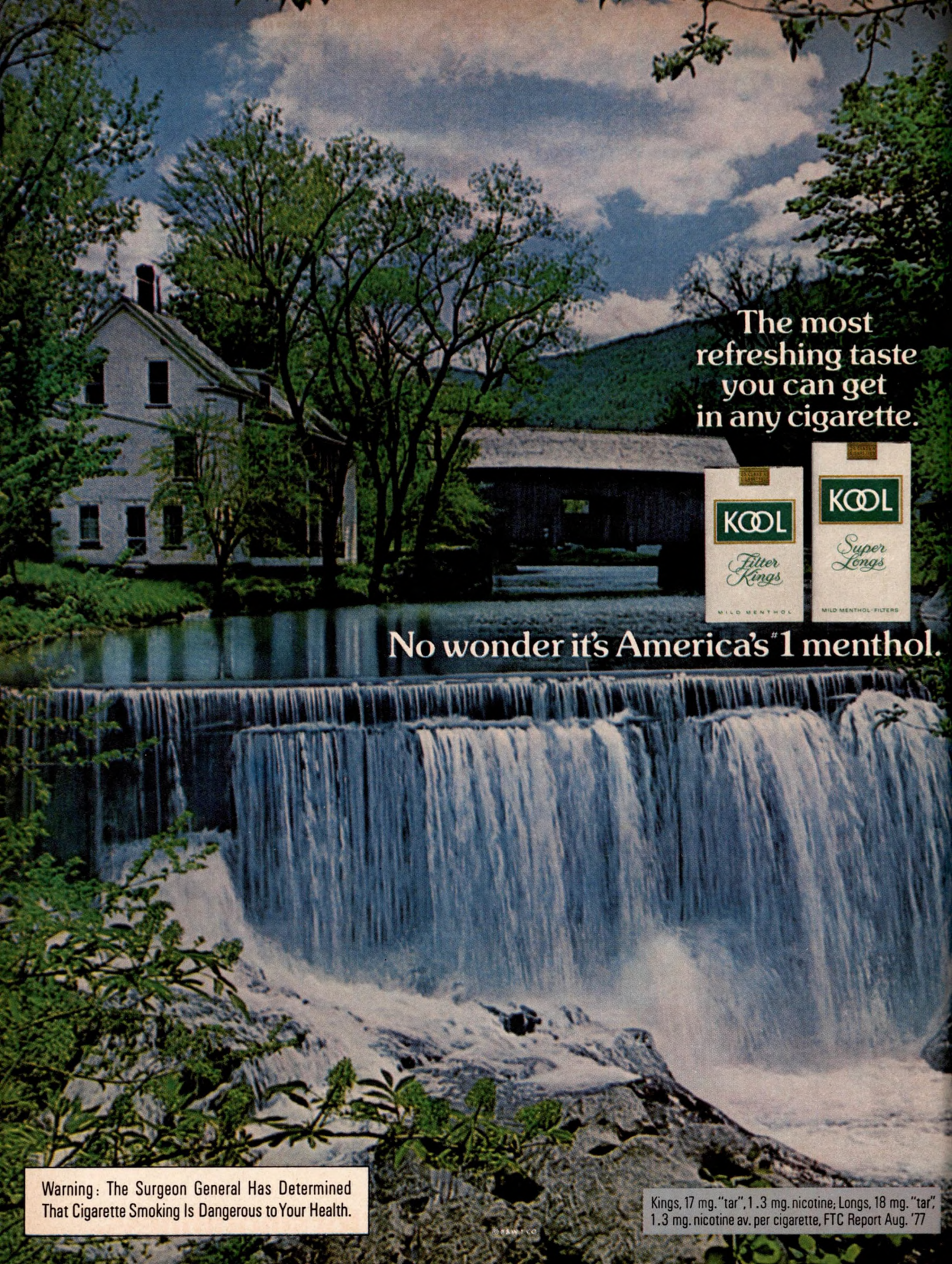

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